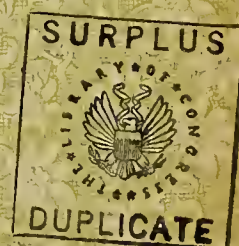


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As Adopted at the Seventh Annual Convention, August 15, 16 and 17, 1892, and amended at the Fourteenth Annual Convention, September 12-14, 1899.

ARTICLE I.—*Capital Stock.*

SECTION. I. Every certificate of stock issued by this Association shall be for a single share only, and shall be subject to the following terms and conditions, which shall be expressed upon its face: That the holder thereof has agreed with the Association and has accepted the said certificate with the understanding that it can be issued or transferred only to a person who has been duly elected a member of the Association in the manner provided by its By-Laws, and who is not the holder of any other share or certificate of its capital stock. That no transfer of said stock or the certificate thereof shall be valid unless made upon the books of the Association and signed by the member transferring the same, or his lawful attorney, and attested by the secretary, and upon return of the outstanding certificate, which shall be cancelled and filed by the secretary. That the holder is liable for the payment to the Association of the annual dues provided for by the By-Laws, until the said stock and certificate is surrendered to the Association, and is not entitled to vote said stock so long as he is in any manner indebted to the Association. That the Association has a first lien on the said stock and all increments thereof for all indebtedness of the holder to the Association and that no transfer thereof shall be permitted so long as the holder is so indebted to the Association; and that the possession of said certificate shall not be regarded as evidence of the ownership of the holder, or his right to participate as a stockholder, unless it appears upon the books of the Association that all said conditions have been duly complied with. That the ownership of said stock shall at all times be subject to the provisions of the By-Laws.

SEC. 2. Every certificate of stock shall be signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary, and sealed with the corporate seal of the Association, and shall be duly numbered and entered in

the stock book to be kept by the Secretary for that purpose.

ARTICLE II.—*Membership.*

SECTION 1. Any person may become a member of this Association by filing with its General Secretary an application in the form prescribed from time to time, signed by at least two members of the Association and if the applicant is a resident of any locality where there is a resident Vice-President, his application must be approved by said officer. Said application must be accompanied by the sum of one dollar, for a certificate of stock, and the amount of the dues for the remainder of the fiscal year (ending Aug. 31), the whole to be refunded if admission is refused; and if the applicant has not attained the age of twenty-one years he must accompany his application with a bond signed by some responsible person obligating himself for the proper fulfillment of the applicant's promises and obligations to the Association, in case the applicant is admitted. The General Secretary shall cause the name and address of each applicant, his references and bondsmen, to be published in the next Official Journal sent to members, and if no objection to his admission shall be received by the Board of Vice-Presidents within one month after such publication, the applicant shall be considered elected. In case the Board of Vice-Presidents shall receive any objections to the admission of any applicant, they shall notify the General Secretary thereof, and proceed to investigate the case, and accept or reject the applicant, in their discretion, and shall certify their decision to the General Secretary, who shall thereupon proceed accordingly.

SEC. 2. As it is important to the well-being and prosperity of this Association that all members thereof should be persons of good repute, every person applying for admission thereto agrees to become subject to such rules of discipline as may be provided by the By-Laws from time to time. All charges of improper

conduct on the part of any member of the Association shall be addressed in writing accompanied by affidavit to the truth of the charges, and all obtainable proof, to the Board of Vice-Presidents, who shall investigate and determine the same under such rules as they may prescribe; and they may in their judgment, suspend or expel such member and require him to surrender his stock, if he be a stockholder, and their action shall be final and binding on all parties. Should the Board of Vice-Presidents deem it advisable, they may, however, certify the case for consideration to the next Convention of the Association, giving notice of their intention to do so in the Official Journal, and such Convention shall have the same powers in the case as the Board of Vice-Presidents.

SEC. 3. The dues of all stockholders shall be one dollar and twenty cents per annum, payable annually in advance, on the first day of September, when the fiscal year shall commence. New members shall pay dues for the remainder of the year only, computed from the beginning of the month in which they shall have been elected. No other assessment or dues shall be exacted of any stockholder, except by the amendment of this section of the By-Laws in Convention or other general meeting.

SEC. 4. In case any member fails to pay the annual dues or accounts due the Association or the Sales and Purchasing Department within thirty days from the time the same are due, the Treasurer shall notify such delinquent member, and unless such dues or debts are paid, or the stockholder presents his resignation and surrenders his certificate of stock within thirty days thereafter, and pays amounts due, the Treasurer shall notify the Secretary, by whom his name shall be stricken from the rolls, and his stock shall be declared forfeited to the Association, and his name shall be omitted from the Year Book. The Secretary shall notify the Superintendent of the Sales and Purchasing Department to debar from the privileges of that Department any member whose name shall have been dropped from the rolls. Any stockholder whose name shall have been stricken from the rolls for non-payment of dues, or debt to the Association or Sales and Purchasing Department, may, on payment to the Treasurer (who shall notify the Secretary) of all amounts due, be reinstated and have his stock reissued to him by and at the discretion of the Secretary, who shall, however, refer any case of doubt to the Board of Vice-Presidents, whose decision shall be final in the matter.

SEC. 5. Any stockholder in good standing may at any time tender his resignation to the Secretary, and surrender his stock certificate to the Associ-

ation. All resignations received by the Secretary shall be published in the next Official Journal, and if no objections are received within one month of the date of the publication, they shall be duly accepted by him, to take effect from the date of their receipt, but no stockholder will be permitted to resign while indebted to the Association. In case the Secretary is in doubt as to the advisability of accepting the resignation of any stockholder, he shall refer the matter to the Board of Vice-Presidents, who shall have power to decide the case, and, if they deem advisable, to prescribe conditions on which the resignation shall be accepted.

SEC. 6. No stockholder of the Association who has not attained the age of twenty-one years shall be eligible to any office.

ARTICLE III.—*Meetings.*

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the stockholders of this Association, to be designated as the Annual Convention, shall be held each year at such date and at such place, within or without the State of Minnesota, as may have been selected by the last preceding Annual Convention, and the publication in the Official Journal of the proceedings of the Convention, naming such time and place shall be deemed sufficient notice of such meeting; but the President shall also cause a call for the Annual Convention, stating the time and locality of the convening thereof, to be published in the number of the Official Journal issued prior, not less than sixty days, to the holding of such Convention.

SEC. 2. Special meetings of the stockholders of this Association may be called by the Official Board, or by one hundred stockholders of this Association. Notice thereof shall be mailed to each stockholder, at his last known address, at least sixty days before the date fixed for holding said meeting, and a copy of such notice shall be published in the Official Journal, at least one month before the time of holding such meeting.

SEC. 3. If in the opinion of the Board of Directors it should be advisable at any time, or in case one hundred stockholders so request, the President shall call for a general vote of the shareholders upon any desired question. Notice that such call has been issued shall be given in Official Journal, at least one month before the date when the vote is to be counted. The vote should be in the form designated by the President, with the assent of the Board of Vice-Presidents. The call and the form shall each state the time and place at which the count is to take place, and a copy of each shall be mailed to every person appearing upon the books of the Association as entitled to vote as a stockholder thirty days before the vote is to be counted. The vote

shall be signed by the stockholder and sent to the Board of Vice-Presidents; and no vote shall be counted unless in the form prescribed at the date when the call was mailed. Any stockholder shall have the right to be present and witness the count. The result shall be certified by the Vice-Presidents to the President, who shall announce the result in the next number of the Official Journal. A majority of the votes cast shall determine the question submitted, but the By-Laws can be amended only as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 4. All stockholders of the Association who are present at any of its meetings shall be entitled to participate in the proceedings; but only those not indebted to the Association shall be entitled to vote in person, or by proxy, at any Annual Convention, at any called meeting, or upon any question submitted to a general vote.

SEC. 5. A quorum for the transaction of business at any convention or special meeting, shall consist of one-half the stockholders there represented in person or by proxy; but the By-Laws can be amended only as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 6. No Director of this Association shall be permitted to act for or vote as proxy for any other stockholder of this Association.

SEC. 7. At all meetings of the Association, all questions of order and parliamentary law shall be determined by reference to Roberts' Rules of Order.

SEC. 8. At the Annual Convention of the Association the President shall appoint the following standing committees, of three members each:

Committee on Standing Rules,
Committee on Finance,
Committee on Library,
Committee on Sales and Purchasing Department,
Committee on Official Journal,
Committee on Branch Societies, and a Committee of five members, of which the President shall be *ex-officio* Chairman, on the By-Laws. The following shall be the order of business:

1. Call to Order.
2. Report of Committee on Credentials.
3. Roll Call.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Reading of Minutes.
6. Reports of Officers.
7. Communications.
8. Unfinished Business.
9. New Business.
10. Reports of Committees.
11. Adjournment.

SEC. 9. At all special meetings of the Association, the President shall appoint such of the foregoing committees as are necessary, and the foregoing Order of Business shall be followed so far as the necessities of the occasion will permit.

ARTICLE IV.—*Directors.*

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors of this Association shall be designated as the Official Board, and shall consist of nine members who shall all be citizens of the United States.

SEC. 2. Each Director shall be a stockholder of the Association, and shall hold his office until the close of the next Annual Convention and until his successor shall have qualified. At least five of their number shall be collectors and not dealers by profession. And at least seven of their number shall be residents of different States. Three of the Directors shall serve as a Board of Vice-Presidents and must reside within a radius of 30 miles, and in case of the three Vice-Presidents being from the same State or locality as another director, the Vice-Presidents will take precedence over the other candidate, even though he have a greater number of votes.

SEC. 3. Immediately after the annual election of Directors, those chosen shall proceed to choose from their number a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and International Secretary, and to select such officers as are required by the By-Laws to be appointed by the Official Board.

SEC. 4. The Board of Directors may meet at such times as they from time to time determine, or whenever called together by the President by a notice addressed to each Director at his last known address, by mail or by telegraph, a sufficient time beforehand to enable him to reach the place of meeting. Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 5. The objects of this Association requiring that its Directors shall be residents of different States, in order to facilitate the transaction of business and provide for a rapid decision of questions requiring the action of the Official Board of this Association, the stockholders direct that instead of convening in a meeting, the following proceedings may be had: Whenever any member of the Board shall desire to submit any matter for their action, he shall reduce the same to writing, in the form of a motion, and mail a copy thereof, upon a separate sheet of paper, to each member of the Board. Any comments or observations he may desire to make thereon must be on a different sheet. Upon the reception of such motion each member shall write upon the bottom or back thereof his decision for or against the same, or any correction or amendment thereof he may wish to make, and forward the same by return mail to the President, who shall, in case any amendment shall be offered, forthwith mail, or cause to be mailed, a copy of the motion as amended to each member of the Board, who shall return the same by return mail, with his vote for or against the same, or the expression of his preference for the original motion.

The President shall, upon receiving the votes of the other members, certify to the Secretary the result, accompanying the certificate with the original votes. The Secretary shall file the same and record the vote, notifying the other members of the Board of the result.

SEC. 6. The Official Board shall exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the Association and all its officers; may make rules for the conduct of business in the several departments not inconsistent with these By-Laws; may require special reports from any officer from time to time; may remove any officer appointed by them, as provided by statute, fill any vacancy in their own number arising from any cause except removal by stockholders, as provided by statute, and generally manage and control the business of the Association, as provided by law.

ARTICLE V.—*Duties of Directors.*

SECTION 1. *President.*—The President, in addition to the general duties of his office, shall preside at all meetings of the Association, appoint all committees, sign all certificates of stock and all warrants on Treasurer for moneys required by the Association, as well as contracts, deeds, bonds, notes and other obligations entered into by the Association. Prior to each Annual Convention he shall issue the call therefor, as provided for in Article III., Section 1, shall appoint a Committee of five members on Credentials, and a Committee of Arrangements to provide suitable rooms and make other preparations for holding said meeting, the expenses incurred by such committee in the performance of their duties to be defrayed from the General Fund of the Association. At each Annual Convention he shall address the Association on such matters of interest as he shall determine.

SEC. 2. *Vice-Presidents.*—The three directors elected as Vice-Presidents shall select one of their number to act as First Vice-President, who shall perform all the duties of the President in case of the absence, death or inability of the President. He shall preside over the Board of Vice-Presidents, which shall decide all questions arising as to the admission of applicants for membership, as provided in Article II., Section 1; all questions of discipline, as provided in Article II., Sections 2, 4 and 5, and all disputes and difficulties between members or officers of the Association, and their decision of all such matters shall be final, subject to the provisos of Article II., Section 2. They shall see that proper notices of all elections, meetings, nominations, forms, etc., are sent to members as provided in these By-Laws. They shall keep a "black list" of all individuals known to have ever dealt in counterfeit stamps, or aided in their production; and it shall be their

duty to give any information in their possession in regard thereto, to any member of the Association who shall ask therefor. The Vice-Presidents shall keep a list of "bad debtors" for the same purpose. They shall charge members fifteen cents for each copy of said list, the amount to be paid for in advance. The Board of Vice-Presidents from time to time and at least every three months, shall make report of their proceedings to the General Secretary for publication in the Official Journal and shall make a full report of their proceedings to the Annual Convention.

They shall keep a minute book of all proceedings and a file of correspondence which they shall turn over to their successors when qualified.

All expenses for postage, stationery, telegrams and registry fees shall be certified by the First Vice-President and be paid from the general fund.

They shall furthermore keep a card catalogue of the names and addresses and history of all members of the Association. They shall elect one of their number to act as Secretary who shall have charge of their records and keep their minutes.

SEC. 3. *Secretary.*—The Secretary, in addition to the ordinary duties of his office, shall keep a true record of all proceedings of the Association and Board of Directors, conduct all correspondence, have the custody of and preserve all documents, have custody of the corporate seal of the Association, seal all documents required to be sealed therewith, keep proper books of issue and transfer of stock certificates, issue all stock certificates and receipts, countersign, register and attest all documents signed by the President. He shall, under the supervision of the President, edit the official matter published in the Official Journal; *provided*, that if there shall be a disagreement between the President and Secretary as to the advisability of the publication of any matter, such matter shall be submitted to the Official Board. He shall also receive all applications for membership, make publication thereof in the Official Journal, and conduct all correspondence in reference thereto, as provided in Article II., Section 1, and notify applicants of their election. He shall furnish a copy of the Charter and By-Laws and the list of members of the Association to each member in good standing. He shall receive all resignations and applications for reinstatement, etc., as provided in Article II., Section 4 and 5, and perform all such other duties as are incident to his office. He shall pay all funds collected by him from any source to the Treasurer each month. He shall prepare and present to each Annual Convention, and to any special meeting, when so required by the Official Board, or the stockholders calling the same, the general

report of the condition of the Association, required by law to be made by the Directors. He shall cause to be published in each number of the Official Journal, in addition to the list of applicants, resignations, etc., of members, a report of all proceedings of the Board of Directors, or of the Association, since his last published report. He shall at all times be subject to the direction of the President or Directors in the performance of his duties. He shall be paid all transportation expenses to and from the Convention, and \$5.00 per day during the session.

SEC. 4. *Treasurer.*—The Treasurer shall receive and take charge of all moneys, property and securities of the Association, and shall report to the Secretary monthly the balance in his hands. He shall collect all dues and make monthly reports of his receipts and disbursements, showing balance of cash on hand in each monthly circular. He shall pay out no money except on warrants regularly drawn on him by the President and General Secretary, and shall present to the Annual Convention a complete financial statement of the transactions of his department for the year, accompanied by the proper vouchers. He shall deposit all moneys in some bank, to be designated by the Official Board, to the account of the Association, and shall give bond to the Association in the sum of not less than \$2,000. Said bond to be obtained of some surety company at expense of the Association, to be approved by the Official Board.

SEC. 5. *International Secretary.*—The International Secretary shall conduct all correspondence for the Association or the Official Board, with individuals or societies in foreign countries. He shall, whenever called on to do so, assist the General Secretary, or any other officer of the Association, in their correspondence concerning the business of the Association and their several departments. He shall perform all the duties of the Secretary whenever the latter is absent or temporarily unable to perform his duties. He shall present to the Annual Convention a full report of the proceedings of his department for the year.

He shall report regularly to the *Vertrauliches Korrespondenz-Blatt*, the changes in membership so long as this Association continues interested in its publication. He shall so far as possible report to the Board of Vice-Presidents any publication in foreign journals of items affecting the welfare of this Association or its individual members.

SEC. 6. In case of death or resignation of any member of the Official Board the Board shall fill the vacancy, and all vacancies caused by the removal of a Director shall be filled by election, as provided by the statute of the State of Minnesota.

ARTICLE VI.—Elections.

SECTION 1. All elections of Directors shall be conducted under the supervision of the Committee on Credentials, appointed by the President for that purpose, which shall consist of five stockholders. The form of ballot to be used must be uniform and shall be designated by the President and approved by the Official Board. It shall be signed by the stockholder voting and delivered to the Committee on Credentials, and may be sent to the Committee in any manner desired by the stockholder, and at any time before the closing of the polls for that election. At all such elections a plurality of the votes cast shall elect, except as provided in Article IV., Section 2, in regard to Vice-Presidents, but no vote shall be counted that shall not have been received before the closing of the polls, nor shall any stockholder be permitted to vote in any other than the prescribed form, or by proxy, or to change his vote after it has once been received by the committee.

SEC. 2. The polls for the annual election shall close at noon of the day preceding the day appointed for the opening of the Annual Convention, and at all special elections at such time as shall be named in the call for the election.

SEC. 3. The Secretary shall cause blank forms for the ballot and proper envelopes for enclosing the same to be mailed to the last known address of each stockholder entitled to vote, at least sixty days before the date fixed for closing the polls, and the form of the ballot shall be designated in all published notices of the election. A sufficient extra quantity of blanks shall be provided at the place the convention is held.

SEC. 4. The special elections to fill vacancies in the Official Board, provided for by the statutes of the State of Minnesota, in the case of the removal of a Director by the stockholders, or in case of the want of a quorum of qualified Directors, shall be conducted, as far as possible in the same manner as other elections; but in case the election is called by the stockholders, they may prescribe and send out the form of ballot, necessary envelopes for enclosing the same, and notice of the election, which shall, however, as far as possible, conform to the ordinary forms in use in the Association.

SEC. 5. All special elections of officers to be elected by the stockholders shall be conducted in the same manner as other elections, but shall be called by the President, and notice thereof shall be mailed to the last known address of each stockholder entitled to vote, at least sixty days prior to the date fixed for the counting of the vote, and shall be accompanied by the form of the ballot to be used, proper envelopes for enclosing the same, and

shall designate the time and place of holding the election, the persons who are to act as Committee on Credentials, and such other information as shall facilitate the sending of the vote to the Committee.

SEC. 6. Prior to every annual or special election, nominations for the office or offices to be filled may be sent by any member of the Association to the Secretary, and all such nominations received by him shall be published in the number of the Official Journal nearest to sixty days prior to the date for closing the polls.

SEC. 7. Cumulative voting shall be illegal at any election.

ARTICLE VII.—*Officers and Standing Committees.*

SECTION 1. In addition to the nine Directors, or Official Board, the officers of the Association shall be:

- A Superintendent of Purchasing and Sales Department,
- A Counterfeit Detector,
- An Examiner of Sales Books,
- A Librarian,
- An Assistant Librarian,
- A Collecting Agent,

and such Resident and State Vice-Presidents and Auction Purchasing Agents as the Official Board may appoint.

SEC. 2 In addition to the officers as named in Section 1 of this Article there shall be the following Standing Committees:

- An Obituary Committee,
- A Committee on Philatelic Literature, and

A Committee on Philatelic Aids and Appliances.

SEC. 3. All of the officers and standing committees mentioned in Section 1 and 2 of this Article shall be appointed and subject to removal by the Official Board, as provided for by the laws of Minnesota, and shall make a full report of their proceedings to the Annual Convention and to the Official Board or any special meeting of the Association, when called upon so to do. Their terms shall expire when their successors shall have been appointed and qualified. In case any such officer is temporarily prevented by sickness or other cause from performing his duties, the Official Board may, in their discretion, appoint a substitute to act during such incapacity. No expense shall be incurred by any officer or standing committee appointed by the Official Board except for postal and express charges, until the same is authorized by the Board of Directors.

SEC. 4. *Superintendent of Purchasing and Sales Department.*—This officer shall conduct the Purchasing and Sales Department of the Association under such rules and regulations as may be approved by the Official Board, the same to be an-

nounced by him in the Official Journal. He shall be allowed a commission of seven and one half per centum on all sales and purchases, and shall pay all expenses of his department. The Superintendent of Purchasing and Sales Department shall give bonds to the Association in the sum of twenty thousand dollars, to be approved by the Official Board. He shall at the end of every three months submit a full and accurate statement of the affairs of his department to the Board of Vice-Presidents, this statement to be accompanied by a balance sheet taken from his books upon the last day of the three months covered by the above-mentioned statement, *i. e.*, November 30, February 28 (or 29), May 31 and August 31. He shall hold the Association harmless from any losses arising from the management of his department.

SEC. 5. *Assistant Librarian.*—It shall be the duty of the Assistant Librarian to preserve and properly care for the records of the Association as received from retiring Officers or Boards, and he shall further receive all gifts to the Association of printed matter and shall at proper times forward the same to the Librarian for permanent care.

SEC. 6. *Auction Purchasing Agents.*—The Auction Purchasing Agents shall, in person or by proxy, attend all auction sales of stamps held in their respective vicinities, and shall purchase for members at a commission not to exceed 5 per cent., and subject to such rules and regulations as each may prescribe, such stamps as these members request him to purchase for their account.

SEC. 7. *Counterfeit Detector.*—The Counterfeit Detector shall, when called upon to do so, pronounce upon the genuineness, and, as far as he can, when asked, the value of the specimens sent him by members, charging therefor three cents for each specimen, up to the number of fifty sent to him at one time, and two cents for every additional specimen. For making estimates of the value of collections, etc., he may make an agreement as to terms with the owner. Postage or expense of carriage must be in all cases defrayed by members.

SEC. 8. *Examiner of Sales Books.*—The Examiner of Sales Books shall pass upon the genuineness of all stamps, etc., that may be sent to the Superintendent of Sales, before such stamps, etc., are put upon the exchange circuits.

All stamps, etc., considered counterfeit or reprint (with the exception of reprints sold by the governments originally issuing them, and receivable for postage at the time of their sale) by the Superintendent or the Examiner of Sales Books, shall be removed from the sheets and placed in separate envelopes, marked with the price or prices placed thereon and the name of the owner, and shall not

be circulated, but returned by the Superintendent, and on the square on the sheet or place provided on the cover he shall stamp the words "Specimen Removed."

When a government reprint, receivable for postage at the time of its issue, is found on a sheet or a cover, he shall stamp the word "*reprint*" below the square on the sheet or the place provided on the cover for the specimen.

SEC. 9. *Librarian.*—The Librarian shall keep a list of all works, etc., in his possession, and a record of the same.

SEC. 10. *Resident Vice-Presidents.*—A Resident Vice-President shall be appointed for any locality upon the request of ten or more members of the Association residing therein, and for such foreign States and countries as the Official Board may deem advisable. Each resident Vice-President shall exercise a general supervision over the section in which he resides. He shall examine the case of all applicants for membership in his vicinity and shall advise the Board of Vice-Presidents of any reason that may exist for rejecting the application, or any conduct on the part of any member in his vicinity, that might render such person unworthy of membership in the Association, and make an annual report to the Convention.

He shall call a meeting of the members in his district at least four times a year for the discussion of matters of interest to the Association and cause a report of such meetings to be published in the Official Journal.

SEC. 11. *Collection Department.*—The Collecting Agent shall organize a department for the collection and settlement of any claims that may be sent him by members of this Association against any persons whatsoever, or the recovery of any stamps, etc., that they are unable to secure the return of. It shall also be his duty, when so ordered by the Official Board, to see that proper steps are taken and the proper authorities notified to secure the prosecution of any manufacturer of or dealer in forged stamps, etc.

He may charge for his services all actual disbursements for postage, stationery, etc., and 10 per cent. of all amounts recovered, *provided*, that in case of collections made for the Association he shall charge only actual disbursements, but no commission.

SEC. 12. *Obituary Committee.*—It shall be the duty of this Committee to secure during the year such facts about deceased members as will be of general interest, to publish them in the Official Journal from time to time, and to bring them together in their Annual Report in the form of a summary for publication in the Year Book of the Association.

SEC. 13. *Committee on Philatelic Literature.*—It shall be the duty of this Committee to report, through the columns of

the Official Journal, upon all new catalogues, hand-books, manuals and papers that are brought out during the year; to summarize the same in their Annual Report for publication in the Year Book, and to make such deductions or suggestions in relation thereto as may, in their judgment, seem to be warranted or called for.

SEC. 14. *Committee on Philatelic Aids and Appliances.*—It shall be the duty of this Committee to record, in the columns of the Official Journal, the appearance of all new tools, aids, or other philatelic appliances, that shall appear during the year; to explain and comment upon their uses, etc., and, in their Annual Report, to summarize all such information for publication in the Year Book.

ARTICLE VIII.—*Sales Department.*

SECTION 1. A report shall be rendered to all members whose books are not returned and settled for within three months from date of receipt.

SEC. 2. Members are allowed to keep Sales Circuits three days. A fine of two cents per day for each book must be collected from members who disregard this rule. Upon the failure of any member to pay such fine he shall be dropped from circuit lists and reported to the Board of Vice-Presidents.

SEC. 3. An insurance fund shall be maintained by the Superintendent of Sales and Purchasing Department who shall collect a premium of one per cent. of the value of all stamps sent in for circulation.

This rule shall apply to all stamps in circulation at the date of its adoption.

From this fund all losses shall be paid of whatever nature, except those arising from substitutions.

Should losses occur greater than the amount of the Insurance Fund in hand they shall stand as liability against the fund, to be paid when the amount of premiums collected will satisfy same.

ARTICLE IX.—*Official Journal.*

SECTION 1. The Official Journal of the Association for the ensuing year shall be selected at each annual convention of the Association.

The Official Journal will be sent to all members regularly, and the Association shall pay the publishers such a sum for each member as may be agreed upon at each annual convention, this amount to come from the general fund.

The publishers to pay postage on all copies mailed to members in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

ARTICLE X.—*Annual Publication.*

SECTION 1. The *American Philatelist* shall be published annually in November and shall contain a copy of the Charter and the By-Laws as last amended, a list

of all active members, arranged alphabetically and by residence, a full report of the last Annual Convention, the rules of all Departments which may not be included in the general By-Laws, a list of all Branch Societies and affiliated societies, a list of the names and addresses of all officers of the Association and of the publishers of the Official Journal. The *American Philatelist* shall be edited by the General Secretary and approved by the President before publication. Advertisements of responsible firms may be accepted by the secretary upon terms satisfactory and profitable to the Association, and the proceeds turned into the general fund. One copy shall be mailed free to each member of the Association and ten copies to each Director and ten copies to the Librarian. Copies to the public or extra copies for members will be sold by the Secretary at twenty-five cents per copy, and the proceeds turned into the Treasury. The expense of publishing it shall be paid from the general fund.

ARTICLE XI.—*Branch Societies.*

SECTION 1. Whenever ten or more stockholders resident in the same locality, or twenty-five stockholders resident in the same State, shall notify the Official Board that they have associated themselves together as a branch society, adopted a name and rules for their government, and have selected one of their number as a Resident or State Vice-President, and shall have submitted a copy of their rules and list of members to the Official Board, the Official Board, if satisfied that the formation of such branch would be advantageous to the Association, and that said rules are not inconsistent with the Charter and By-Laws of the Association, shall issue a charter or certificate, under the seal of the corporation, to said stockholders that they have become a Branch or State Society, as the case may be, and shall appoint the member selected a Resident or State Vice-President, as the case may be. Such local and State Branches shall be numbered in regular order in separate series, and each society shall be known by its number, in addition to the name selected by it, *provided* that the name of a State Branch shall include the name of the State for which it is chartered. Any existing local society having the requisite number of stockholders among its members may become a branch society upon the same conditions.

SEC. 2. Branch societies so organized shall admit to membership only persons who are stockholders of the Association or who shall have made application for admission as such.

The Resident and State Vice-Presidents shall make to the Official Board, from time to time, and to each Annual Convention, suggestions as to any matters that they

may consider advisable for official consideration, and shall file with the Secretary of the Association a report of each of their meetings.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of each Branch Society shall send to the Treasurer on the 1st of July each year a complete list of the members in good standing upon that date.

SEC. 4. Any branch society so organized may from time to time, if it so elect, subscribe for, acquire and hold, in the name of such branch, one share of the capital stock of this Association for every ten stockholders who are members of such branch, and not already included in the number who may have acquired stock in the name of some other branch society, and shall vote the same by proxy, duly instructed, or through their resident Vice-President.

ARTICLE XII.—*Property.*

SECTION 1. All officers shall, at the expiration of their terms of office, deliver to their successors all books, papers, moneys, and other property in their possession belonging to the Association, and they shall not be relieved from their bonds or obligations until this requirement be complied with.

SEC. 2. The records of the Board of Vice-Presidents and of the Official Board shall be turned over to the Librarian for safe keeping after two years have elapsed from the final adjustment of the subject of such records. These records shall be obtainable from the Librarian at any time that reference to them is necessary, upon written request of the Board in which they originated.

ARTICLE XIII.—*Amendments.*

SECTION 1. The By-Laws of this Association may be altered or amended only by the consent of two-thirds of the stockholders voting on such alteration or amendment, and providing that such two-thirds shall constitute a third of all the members of the Association entitled to vote. Amendments may be made at the Annual Convention, any special meeting, or by a general vote, as provided for in Article III., Section 3, and the action of the Annual Convention or special meeting in amending the By-Laws shall be final, if such proposed amendment shall have been published in the Official Journal at least thirty days prior to the date of such Convention or meeting. But any amendment to the By-Laws adopted by any convention or special meeting which was not so published, and any Rules or By-Laws passed by the Board of Directors shall be submitted to a general vote, as provided by Article III., Section 3, in case one hundred stockholders entitled to vote shall so request of the President within sixty days from the publication of the same in the Official Journal.

Fourteenth Annual Convention OF THE American Philatelic Association.

Pursuant to the following call, the Fourteenth Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association was held at Detroit, Mich., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, September 11, 12 and 13, 1899.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., June 10, 1899.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Association,

GENTLEMEN: The Fourteenth Annual Convention of this Association for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may legally come before it, will be held in Detroit, Mich., Tuesday, September 12, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

I appoint Geo. O. Begg, Herbert Bowen, W. F. Fratcher, John Kay and Fremont Woodruff, residents of Detroit, Committee of Arrangements.

I appoint Hiram E. Deats of Flemington, N. J.; P. M. Wolsieffer of Chicago; W. C. Stone of Springfield, Mass.; D. T. Eaton, of Muscatine, Iowa, and H. G. Smith, of Winona, Minn., Committee on Credentials.

FRANK F. OLNEY, President.

A New Committee on Credentials.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Aug. 29, 1899.

To the Members of the A. P. A.:

Owing to the declination of Messrs. Deats, Wolsieffer and Stone, and the fact that H. G. Smith is a candidate for office, I hereby appoint the following named gentlemen as a Committee on Credentials: J. F. Johnson, Boston, Mass.; W. F. Fratcher, Detroit, Mich.; Lewis Robie, Chicago, Ill.; D. T. Eaton, Muscatine, Iowa; E. R. Aldrich, Benson, Minn.

FRANK F. OLNEY, President.

The following stockholders were present:

George L. Toppan,	Boston, Mass.
H. E. Deats,	Flemington, N. J.
Frank H. Burt,	Newton, Mass.
J. M. Bartels,	Washington, D. C.
E. M. Carpenter,	Boston, Mass.
J. F. Johnson,	Boston, Mass.
Edward C. Althen,	Elgin, Ill.
W. H. Barnum,	Cleveland, O.
Nathan Cobe,	Waltham, Mass.
H. G. Smith,	Winona, Minn.
T. O. Bailey,	Cleveland, O.
Ernest R. Aldrich,	Benson, Minn.
W. F. Fratcher,	Detroit, Mich.

Frank J. Bescher,	Kansas City, Mo.
Geo. W. Rode,	Pittsburg, Pa.
A. Platz,	Pittsburg, Pa.
Arthur G. Burgoyne,	Pittsburg, Pa.
O. P. Krauth,	Pittsburg, Pa.
P. J. Kranz,	Toledo, Ohio.
Fremont Woodruff,	Detroit, Mich.
D. T. Eaton,	Muscatine, Iowa.
Clifford W. Kissinger,	Reading, Pa.
L. T. Brodstone,	Superior, Neb.
Herbert Bowen,	Detroit, Mich.
E. B. Linsley,	Three Rivers, Mich.
C. Wesley Price,	Detroit, Mich.
John Kay,	Detroit, Mich.

There were also in attendance the following visitors.

Chas. E. Babcock,	Indianapolis, Ind.
L. G. French,	Cleveland, Ohio.
Mrs. L. G. French,	Cleveland, Ohio.
J. Edward Sohn, Jr.,	Cincinnati, Ohio.
B. F. Egan,	Indianapolis, Ind.
Mrs. H. G. Smith,	Winona, Minn.
F. N. Massoth,	Chicago, Ill.
Henry Clark Crowell,	Cleveland, Ohio.
Erwin L. Fisher,	Cincinnati, Ohio.
Albert C. Stewart,	Toledo, Ohio.
G. Edw. Rode,	Pittsburg, Pa.
Mrs. E. M. Carpenter,	Boston, Mass.
Mrs. D. T. Eaton,	Muscatine, Iowa.
Mrs. E. R. Aldrich,	Benson, Minn.
Harry Frethey,	St. Louis, Mo.
C. B. Youngblood,	Detroit, Mich.
John D. Hubel,	Detroit, Mich.
W. H. Kessler, Jr.,	Detroit, Mich.
Harry K. Major,	Detroit, Mich.
T. L. W. Porte,	Detroit, Mich.
Alan R. Fernald,	Detroit, Mich.
Clarence J. Mason,	Detroit, Mich.
Wm. H. Beck,	Detroit, Mich.
Mrs. C. S. Bigsby,	Detroit, Mich.
Howard C. Beck,	Detroit, Mich.
Isaac M. Bates,	Detroit, Mich.
C. A. Johnstone,	Detroit, Mich.
H. A. B. Aikman,	Detroit, Mich.
S. W. Jackson,	Detroit, Mich.
Geo. W. Rice,	Detroit, Mich.
W. P. Isham,	Detroit, Mich.
W. D. Morton,	Detroit, Mich.
W. T. Livingstone,	Detroit, Mich.
Chas. A. Henze,	Detroit, Mich.
Julius Hartenstein,	Detroit, Mich.

The sessions of the Convention were held in the Detroit Museum of Art, Jefferson Avenue.

Under the direction of a committee of the Detroit Philatelic Association, consist-

ing of Howard C. Beck, Chairman, and Alan R. Fernald, Herbert Bowen, S. W. Jackson, Fremont Woodruff, Geo. W. Rice, Geo. Huntington, John Kay, T. L. W. Porte, F. E. Farnsworth, W. P. Isham, W. D. Morton, H. A. B. Aikman, W. T. Livingstone, Chas. A. Henze, Harry K. Major, S. W. Jackson, Julius Hartenstein, John D. Hubel and Clarence J. Mason, the following program for the entertainment of the visiting members and their friends was carried out:

Tuesday afternoon, trolley trip to Water Works Park and Palmer Park; picnic lunch and visit to the "Log Cabin."

Wednesday afternoon, excursion to Walkerville, Canada, and visit to the distillery of Hiram Walker & Sons, Ltd., followed by steamboat trip to Belle Isle Park and a carriage drive in the Park.

Thursday afternoon, excursion by special steamer through the Detroit River and Lake St. Clair to St. Clair Flats, known as the "Venice of America," returning in the evening; lunch and supper served on the steamer, and informal speaking following the supper.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST SESSION: Tuesday Morning, September 12, 1899.

The First Session of the Fourteenth Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association was held in the Museum of Art, Detroit, Mich., on Tuesday morning, September 12, 1899.

In the absence of the President and the First Vice-President the chair was occupied by the Second Vice-President, George L. Toppan, who called the convention to order at 11 A. M., about thirty-five members and guests being present.

The Vice-President: Gentlemen, I will declare the Fourteenth Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association open.

In the first place, in the absence of our regular Secretary, I will appoint Mr. Deats Secretary *pro tem*. The chair will also appoint Mr. Frank H. Burt official stenographer.

I will now ask Mr. Krauth to take the chair.

Mr. Krauth in the chair.

The Chairman: The next in order is the annual address of the President.

Vice-President Toppan delivered the following address:

To the Members of the American Philatelic Association:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: Another year has been enrolled upon the archives of the past and again we are gathered together in Annual Convention. It has been said that "history never repeats itself," but the old adage will have to give way this time, for, as was the case last year, in the absence of your President and First Vice-President, it devolves upon me to do my best to fulfill their duties and to preside over your deliberations.

The year just past has been a notable one, philatelically speaking, in many respects.

Probably the most important and interesting event, at least to American philatelists, has been the issuance by our own Government of the various series of surcharged stamps for use in the different islands which have fallen to us as the spoils of war.

Cuba, Porto Rico, the Philippines, and even our one small island in the Ladrões, have been fully provided for. Indeed, in the case of the former they have been too well taken care of, and we are forced to see Uncle Sam sit by and play a part (though I believe an unwilling one) in the manufacture and sale of many varieties of stamped envelopes, which, while they are "perfectly good for the postage at any time," as their sponsors claim, were, nevertheless, entirely unnecessary, and, in some cases, at least, they were never intended to perform postal duty. It is, to my mind, an unfor-

fortunate and much to be regretted state of affairs when those who claim to be philatelists will allow themselves to be so influenced by mercenary motives as to become blind to the best interests of our hobby and, for the sake of a few extra dollars profit, flood the already overburdened market with a lot of stuff which, though purporting to be legitimate, and doubtless according to a strict definition of the word it is so, is in reality about on a par with the issues of the Chinese treaty ports and others of their ilk.

But after all, the matter of their collection is one upon which each individual will exercise his own judgment. Worthier pens than mine have spoiled reams of paper in discussing the pros and cons of this question; societies have been formed for the express purpose of combating the growing evil; heated debates have taken place over it. Such stamps have been omitted from our Standard catalogues, but what effect has it had? Simply none at all, for it is an unwritten law that you shall not say to me—"So far shalt thou go, and no farther." In short, the undisputed right of the individual to demand that every stamp which is, or at any time has been available for postage, shall be duly listed and chronicled has prevailed, and we are right where we were when we started.

Another matter of almost universal interest is the recent issue by our own country of the higher values of revenue stamps; those of a face value of one hundred, five hundred, and one thousand dollars; this last denomination being the highest value ever issued by the United States.

I am aware that some parties claim that a stamp of the face value of five thousand dollars was included in the issue of 1871 to 1875, but I am in a position to state *positively* that the said stamp was never issued; furthermore, it was never even *printed*, excepting in proof form.

And now I desire to touch upon a matter which, it seems to me, is worthy of more than passing consideration at your hands. I refer to the objects and scope of our Association.

In some former years politics has seemed to be the all-engrossing subject at the conventions and, indeed, for the major portion of the period between them. The Association was split up into cliques, and its objects were lost sight of in the wild struggle for personal supremacy.

This state of affairs is now, fortunately, ended, and the white-winged dove of peace now controls our destinies.

For this reason it seems to me that this is a most opportune time for us to evolve some methods by which our conventions may be made not only more interesting, but instructive to us; some plan of action by which the benefits conferred upon the individual member shall be greater than at present.

To be sure, with this object in view, we appointed two committees at the last annual convention—those upon Philatelic Literature and Philatelic Aids and Appliances, from both of whom I expect interesting reports.

But this is not enough; we want these committees to report at regular intervals through the columns of our official journal, as well as at the annual convention. We want more committees, who shall cover other fields and lay the results of their investigations before us.

The suggestions upon this line made by Dr. Mitchell at the last convention and published upon pages 42 and 43 of the Year Book for 1898 seem to be very pertinent to the occasion, and to deserve more consideration than there received at that time. I would specially urge your reconsideration of them and will, therefore, request the Secretary to read them to you at some later time.

Another thing which would, in my estimation, add to the value of our conventions is the presentation of original papers bearing either upon some special subject, or upon Philately in general. We have among us students and authors of unquestioned ability, and I have no doubt if requested so to do, many would favor us in this manner.

A very important and far-reaching step in the right direction would be the publishing of our own official journal, and, while I hardly think that the time is yet ripe for us to undertake it, I sincerely hope that it will come in the near future.

In reviewing the work of the past year I have only to say that so far as I am aware, the different departments of the Association have been conducted in a most satisfactory manner and are all in good working order.

In conclusion, I desire to extend to all of you the heartiest of welcomes to this, our Fourteenth Annual Convention; to thank you for the attention with which you have favored me, and to express the hope that the coming year may be replete with success and prosperity both to the Association and to each individual member thereof.

GEORGE L. TOPPAN.

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 11, 1899.

The Vice-President: If there is no objection, gentlemen, the report will be accepted as a report of progress.

The next thing in order is the roll-call.

Mr. Krauth: Mr. President, I move that the roll-call be omitted and the members present be instructed to register.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

Appointment of Committees.

The Chairman announced the appointment of the following committees:

ON STANDING RULES—H. G. Smith, D. T. Eaton, E. R. Aldrich.

FINANCE—E. M. Carpenter, C. W. Kissinger, G. W. Rode.

LIBRARY—A. Platz, E. C. Althen, W. H. Barnum.

SALES AND PURCHASING DEPARTMENT—J. W. Scott, J. N. Luff, W. F. Gregory.

OFFICIAL JOURNAL—F. H. Burt, Nathan Cobe, T. O. Bailey.

BRANCH SOCIETIES—F. J. Bescher, L. T. Brodstone.

BY-LAWS—Geo. L. Toppan, C. P. Krauth, H. E. Deats, J. M. Bartels, E. M. Carpenter.

CREDENTIALS—J. F. Johnson, D. T. Eaton, W. F. Fratcher, E. R. Aldrich.

In relation to the Committee on Sales and Purchasing Department the Chair stated that, while the report of the Superintendent of Sales and Purchasing Department had been received, there was no way of verifying the accounts at the present time, and, therefore, the Committee would have to report later through the Official Journal; the Chair had therefore selected a committee made up of New York members.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich, seconded by Mr. Kissinger, the proceedings of the last convention, as published in the Year Book for 1898, were accepted and approved, and the reading of the minutes dispensed with.

Announcements.

Mr. Howard C. Beck: I want to call the attention of the ladies and gentlemen present to the trolley trip this afternoon, which starts at three o'clock, standard time, from the Art Museum. It is three o'clock sharp, and we want you to all be here at that time and take this ride, which will last, probably, about two hours and a half.

Reports of Officers.

The Chair called for the report of the Secretary; but, as it had not been received, it was passed.

Treasurer's Report.

Mr. Smith, the Treasurer, read the following report:

To the President and Directors of the American Philatelic Association:

I hereby submit my report as Treasurer, for the current year, July 31, 1898, to August 31, 1899.

GENERAL FUND—Receipts.

Cash on hand last Annual Report	- - - - -	\$242.96
August, Dues Collected	- - - - -	3.80
September, " "	- - - - -	53.00
October, " "	- - - - -	374.40
November, " "	- - - - -	139.20
December, " "	- - - - -	56.60
January, " "	- - - - -	16.80
February, " "	- - - - -	9.60
March, " "	- - - - -	7.20
April, " "	- - - - -	7.20
May, " "	- - - - -	1.20
June, " "	- - - - -	3.60
July, " "	- - - - -	2.40
August, " "	- - - - -	26.90
Bogert & Durbin Co., Ad. Year Book	- - - - -	3.50
D. T. Eaton, " " " "	- - - - -	3.50
		<hr/> \$951.86

Expenditures.

W. W. Jewett, Subscriptions, Printing, etc.	- - - - -	\$ 46.54
W. N. Howe, Expenses to Convention	- - - - -	66.50
J. W. Scott, Circulars, Postage, etc.	- - - - -	23.92
H. G. Smith, 1,000 Stamped Envelopes	- - - - -	21.60
Frank H. Burt, Convention Report	- - - - -	68.00
Jones & Kroeger, Printing for Treas.	- - - - -	7.50
H. E. Deats, Voted by Convention for Library Fund	- - - - -	100.00
H. E. Deats, Library Expense	- - - - -	12.65
E. M. Carpenter, Board Vice-Presidents	- - - - -	15.04
F. A. A. Robertson, Treasurer's Bond	- - - - -	20.00
W. W. Jewett, on account Official Journal	- - - - -	100.00
W. N. Howe, Expense, Sec'y	- - - - -	15.13
H. G. Smith, Stamped Envelopes, etc.	- - - - -	15.19
W. W. Jewett, Postage, etc.	- - - - -	4.05
W. N. Howe, Postage, etc.	- - - - -	5.67
W. W. Jewett, Year Book and Mailing	- - - - -	214.00
W. W. Jewett, Printing, Era, Postage, etc.	- - - - -	32.61
W. W. Jewett, Balance Subscription, Era	- - - - -	62.87
W. W. Jewett, Postage, etc.	- - - - -	12.68
W. N. Howe, Postage and Expense	- - - - -	18.00
		<hr/> \$861.95
Cash on hand August 31, 1899	- - - - -	89.91
		\$951.86

Stock Fund.

Amount at Credit July 31, 1898	- - - - -	\$1,514.00
Received during year	- - - - -	45.00
		\$1,559.00

Entertainment Fund.

Amount at credit last report	- - - - -	\$125.89
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Respectfully submitted,

H. G. SMITH,
Treasurer.

The Vice-President: Under the rules this report will go to the Committee on Finance. Mr. Carpenter, Chairman.

Mr. Smith: I would like to say that in the funds turned over by Mr. Chandler, the former treasurer, there was about \$40 worth of stamps that he had taken in, and last year in checking up, Mr. Richardson, the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, disposed of some \$20 worth. It leaves on hand still, out of what was turned over by Mr. Chandler, about \$20 worth, most of them two and three dollar Columbians. It seems to me that it would be a good idea if we could turn them into cash, either by selling them at auction or in some other way.

There is another matter which, perhaps, ought to come in with my report. I received, a day or two ago, from Mr. Howe, a check for \$1.80, to pay the dues of Walter P. Anderson. This check was drawn November 5, 1898, and payable to my order—"H. G. Smith, Treasurer." I received it two or three days ago. This Walter P. Anderson has since died, and Mr. Howe, in sending it to me, says it has been mislaid among his papers and he supposed I had it, and thought it possibly might be paid. I put it in the bank for collection and it has been returned. I will submit it with my report.

Report of the Board of Vice-Presidents.

The following report of the Board of Vice-Presidents was read by Mr. Carpenter:

Boston, Mass., September 8, 1899.

To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN: The Board of Vice-Presidents would respectfully report that they have held five meetings during the year. There have been very few matters of importance that have required a decision of the Board. Many routine affairs have been attended to, and several complaints have been investigated and settled to the satisfaction of all concerned, the only exception being in the claim of Joseph Holmes against Duncan S. Wylie for \$2.37 and a counter claim of \$7.08 of Duncan S. Wylie against Mr. Holmes. As Mr. Wylie acknowledged the first and did not bring sufficient proof of the second, we were obliged to decide in favor of Mr. Holmes in both cases. Our decision has since been confirmed by the New York courts.

WILLIAM C. VAN DERLIP,	} Vice-Pres.
GEO. L. TOPPAN.	
E. M. CARPENTER,	

On motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Kissinger, the report as read was accepted.

Report of International Secretary.

Mr. Krauth, International Secretary, read the following report, which on motion of Mr. Bartels, duly seconded, was accepted:

To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN: As International Secretary of your Association for the past year I beg to report upon the business transacted.

I have received and forwarded to the Secretary, for transmission to the Treasurer, from Dr. Diena \$1.20 for dues; from Mr. Houtzamer \$2.80 for stock and dues, and from Mr. Willadt \$2.40 for stock and dues.

I have sent copies of our rules and application blanks to five enquirers, and have forwarded two applications for membership to the Secretary. I have forwarded one resignation, thus making the total net gain in foreign members for the year, one member.

Complaints have been received from three foreign members, of which all referred to a past administration. These were referred to the Board of Vice-Presidents and one case satisfactorily adjusted. On one case I have no report, and the other is still under advisement, having been received very recently.

Of general interest to the members are the invitation from the Paris Societies to co-operate in the philatelic exhibition to be held in Paris in 1900, and the announcement of Dr. Diena that he is willing to expertise the stamps and cancellations of the Italian States.

I regret to feel obliged to say that our Association seems to offer few inducements to foreign collectors to become members, the larger international society of Dresden being more fully equipped for purchasing and selling stamps for members, and offering more advantages.

Of general philatelic interest I may name the Manchester Exposition, and the appearance, after years of preparation, of the London Society's book on the stamps of the British Isles. The first volume of Westoby's Adhesive Stamps of Europe has appeared, and is a model of typographical excellence, and beautifully illustrated. Daniel's History of British Postmarks in a companion volume is also a credit to author and publisher. The year will be memorable for the introduction of British

Colonial penny postage, and the practical covering of the globe by the adherence of China to the Universal Postal Union. An important event was the adoption of stated colors for stated values of stamps used in international mails. The year as a whole has been one of depressed business tone in stamps, but is rapidly changing for the better. Prices have found a lower and, I believe, juster level, the new catalogues of Gibbons and Senf showing heavy reductions. The seamy side of philatelic life has been illustrated by the colossal frauds perpetrated by Williams & Co. and the discovery that the 1-shilling stamp of Great Britain has been extensively counterfeited for defrauding the revenues, and that the fine perforation of Hayti, heretofore so eagerly sought for, occurs only on counterfeits, also used to defraud the revenues. The use of speculative stamps still goes merrily on unchecked by the moribund S.S.S.S.

Thanking the Association very sincerely for the honor conferred upon me by my selection for this office, and regretting that I have found it so much of a sinecure, I venture the hope that the future may find our influence outside of the United States greatly increased, and that a large influx of new blood may flow from our fellow Americans of Cuba, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Philippines and Guam.

Respectfully submitted,

C. P. KRAUTH,

International Secretary.

Report of Superintendent of Sales and Purchasing Department.

The Vice-President: The next is the report of the Superintendent of Sales and Purchasing Department.

Mr. Carpenter: Mr. President, I have received since arriving in Detroit a letter from Mr. Tuttle, stating his inability to be present and requesting me to submit the following report:

NEW YORK, September 1, 1899.

MR. PRESIDENT: I beg to submit herewith my second Annual Report. The business of the Sales Department has shown a gratifying increase this year over last.

The total number of books on hand August 20, 1898, was 1124, valued at	-	\$38,090.47
Received during the year 1139 books, valued at	- - - - -	37,020.31
		<hr/> \$75,110.78

Retired during the year 1544 books, valued at	- - - - -	\$50,088.63
(From which has been sold \$9,211.88).		
Total number of books on hand 714, valued at	- - - - -	\$25,022.15

During the year I have sent out 350 circuits and received back 333, from which has been sold the sum of \$8,193.48. I have endeavored to keep our members in different sections of the country amply supplied with circuits, they of course faring best that are prompt in returning them.

The class of stamps sent in has been for the most part of the medium grade, and taking this into consideration, I think the sales really large, and have reason to believe that those members who have kept me well supplied with books, renewing them just as soon as they are retired, have been well pleased with the results.

Now that the general business of our country is improving, there is no reason why our hobby should not increase in popularity and activity, and I think our members can from now on rely on sales being made from a better grade of stamps, if sent in.

Some complaints of substitution have been made, but the amount that has been brought to my notice is small; nevertheless, I do sincerely hope that the persons who have stooped to this method of adding to their collections will not run the risk of detection by repeating the offense, as stamps obtained in such a manner must ever prove an eyesore to them.

The weekly reports to the Official Journal have kept the members well posted as to the doings of this Department throughout the year, and my quarterly balance sheets to the Official Board have given, I believe, all desired information of the Sales Department.

All books received by me from Sept. 1, 1897, to Oct. 5, 1898, have been retired, with the exception of three books which are still out on circuit.

The only losses made that I have to report for the two years amount to \$150.05, and I deem this very small, considering the amount handled, \$94,000.00. This loss

will be settled with owners out of the Insurance Fund, which shows a balance on hand of \$556.56.

The following is a summary of the business of the Sales Department for the past two years:

	Year ending August 20, 1898.	Year ending August 31, 1899.
Books received	1600, value \$57,000.30;	1139, value \$37,020.31.
Books retired	476, " 18,909.83;	1549, " 50,088.63.
Books on hand	1124, " 38,090.47;	714, " 25,022.15.
Sales from books retired	- 3,199.64;	9,211.88.
Circuits sent out	389,	350.
" returned	344, sales 6,404.02;	333, sales 8,193.48.
Blank Books sold	- - 202.90;	120.05.
Control Stamps sold	- - 36.50;	19.10.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. R. TUTTLE,

Supt. Sales Dept.

Report of Committee on Sales and Purchasing Department.

(The following report was received by the Secretary November 23.)

In compliance with the commands of the President, your Committee have examined the books of Mr. Geo. R. Tuttle, Superintendent of the Sales and Purchasing Department, and found the same to be in correct order, but from the nature of the work carried on by his office, it is impossible to have any voucher for the goods or funds in his care, the great bulk of the property being out on circuit. A correct accounting can only be had when all books are withdrawn from circulation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. SCOTT, Chairman,

W. F. GREGORY,

JOHN N. LUFF.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22, 1899.

The President: Gentlemen, you have heard the report of the Superintendent of Sales and Purchasing Department, what is your pleasure?

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, I move that it be received, accepted and approved, subject to the verification of the Committee on Sales and Purchasing Department.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Kissinger and was carried.

Report of Librarian.

Mr. Deats, the Librarian, read the following report:

To the Fourteenth Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association.

GENTLEMEN: I am obliged to make my usual report that practically no use has been made of the Library during the past year. On the other hand, the number of additions to the Library has been 98, as noted in my reports in the Official Journal.

The chief reason for the slight use made of the Library is the fact that the philatelists in San Francisco, Chicago, Boston and Springfield, have turned over to the public libraries in their cities, more or less valuable collections of literature which are open to all.

The Collectors Club in New York City also has a good library and in the same building are housed the libraries of the Philatelic Society and the National Philatelic Society, the three together making an excellent library.

Only a small portion of the one hundred dollars appropriated for binding at the last Convention has been actually expended, but the work underway will use up about one half of it.

All of the bound volumes in the Library were forwarded to the Carnegie Library last month and it is expected that they will be available for use within a few weeks.

As fast as the files now in my hands can be completed, they will be bound and sent to Pittsburg.

I recommend that a list of the bound volumes in the Library be published in the Year Book. I cannot advise publishing a list of odd numbers as the *Internationaler Philatelisten Verein* of Dresden does, as I do not, at present, consider it worth the expense.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. DEATS,

Librarian.

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In account with the AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

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Nov. 9, 1898—Back Numbers <i>American Philatelist</i> sold	-	-	-	-	\$2.00
Dec. 5, 1898—Lot of thumb tacks used in World's Fair Exhibit	-	-	-	-	80
Dec. 5, 1898—Check of Treasurer voted at Convention	-	-	-	-	100.00
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					\$102.80

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Sept. 26, 1898—Vol. VII., Post Office	-	-	-	-	-	\$1.00
Oct. 11, 1898—Binding Vols. I. and II., <i>Metropolitan Philatelist</i>	-	-	-	-	-	50
June 20, 1899—Freight on old records from Muscatine, Iowa	-	-	-	-	-	97
July 17, 1899—Express on <i>London Philatelist</i> , from London, Eng.	-	-	-	-	-	4.09
Aug. 24, 1899—Binding	-	-	-	-	-	15.30
Aug. 11, 1899—Express on Library to Pittsburg	-	-	-	-	-	5.55
Sept. 2, 1899—Freight on papers from Linden, Md.	-	-	-	-	-	45
Sept. 12, 1899—Balance on hand	-	-	-	-	-	74.94
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						\$102.80

On motion of Mr. Kissinger, duly seconded, the Librarian's Report was referred to the Committee on Library.

No report was received from the Counterfeit Detector.

Superintendent of Literary Exchange.

The Vice-President: I will call for the report of the Superintendent of Literary Exchange, Mr. Stone. He is not here.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, you apparently have forgotten that at the last convention this work was turned over to the librarian, and I refused to accept the position because I considered that I had not been legally appointed, and the matter was there dropped. I have heard nothing further about it. There have come to me no requests for exchange of philatelic literature and Mr. Stone has received none. Under these circumstances I did not think it worth while even to draw up a report, and after consulting with Mr. Stone we decided to say nothing about it unless some one else mentioned it first.

The Vice-President: Well, gentlemen, I think we can consider that matter disposed of.

Report of the Collecting Agent? As usual, that report is missing.

Reports of Resident Vice-Presidents.

The Vice-President: Gentlemen, the by-laws provide for reports from resident vice-presidents. For years that provision has been inoperative. There have been none called for and none presented. The last list of vice-presidents gives resident vice-presidents for St. Paul, Reading, Penn., New York, Boston, San Francisco, Chicago, Staten Island, Pittsburg, Toledo and Portland. Some of these gentlemen are not now members of the Association. However, Mr. Johnson, resident vice-president for Boston, is here, and I will call for his report.

Mr. J. F. Johnson: That was dropped last year, Mr. President.

The Vice-President: The only action that the Chair remembers as being taken relative to this point at the last convention was the confirmation of all the old officers.

Mr. Johnson: Then I will report to-morrow.

The Vice-President: It seems to me time that something was done—either that the appointment of resident vice-presidents be done away with, or reports received.

Mr. Kissinger: Mr. President, as Vice-President for Reading and vicinity I can

only report that we have secured one new member, and that is about all. All the old members have paid their dues. I think we have eleven or twelve members between Norristown and Pottsville, which I believe covers my territory.

Mr. Johnson: So far as I can report I know of nothing at all to state. I have signed no applications and have not been asked to sign any.

The Vice-President: The Chair will ask Mr. Johnson if the by-laws have been complied with by holding four meetings during the year?

(No response.)

Mr. Aldrich: As the holder of the proxy of Mr. Annan, of St. Paul, I would state that while he gave me no report he gave me to understand that the St. Paul local society was in a very flourishing condition, considering that some of the members have spent the last year or so in the Philippines and Cuba.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, Mr. Gregory, the resident vice-president for New York, is in Europe, as some of you may know. The four meetings required by the by-laws have been called. I have not been present at any of them, but I know that at least two of them there was a quorum present and action was taken on various matters. Printed notices of the meetings were sent out and the work was done in a businesslike manner, but having been unable to attend any of the meetings, I do not, of course, know how much work was accomplished or anything about the work done.

Mr. Krauth: I rise to take exception to the Chair's somewhat caustic remarks, stating that no reports from resident vice-presidents had been received. I am only answerable for my own sins and not for those of others, and I can say that the resident vice-president for Pittsburg has presented a report at every convention that I have attended, except this year. I learn for the first time, to my great astonishment, that I am now the incumbent of that office, of which I was not aware and I hardly think it is correct. Can you give me the name of the person actually holding the office?

The Vice-President: According to the last list Mr. E. Doeblin is resident vice-president for Alleghany County.

Mr. Krauth: I thought that was the fact. However, I will report for Mr. Doeblin, whose reports I have heretofore had the honor of supervising, that we have held our meetings regularly and that we consider ourselves as a long way from being moribund yet in Pittsburg.

The Vice-President: The Chair will say that he is greatly obliged to Mr. Krauth for his remarks, and apologizes for the statement that there had been no report. It had entirely slipped my memory that any report was received last year. But I think that the discussion of the subject has at least been productive of some benefit. We have found out something which we would not have done if the matter had been dropped as it has been before. We will hope for better success another year.

Mr. Krauth: Mr. President, may I be allowed another word? I think it is not so much from lack of interest as from the fact that these matters are not brought to the attention of the persons holding the positions. I think with an active secretary who would watch these things and advise us in time, that we would get more reports, and that it is at least due to persons who are appointed on committees, etc., that they should receive an official notice, and I hope we shall be able to get a secretary who will do that for us in the future. I do not think that the members are to blame for neglect. They do take an interest in it and feel an interest in it, but it is a hard thing to remember a date for a year ahead, and with the press of other business to sit down and write a report that does not seem to be impending.

Mr. Carpenter: In justice to Mr. Howe, who is not here, I will state that he wrote that he had notified all the resident vice-presidents to hand their reports to him not later than September 5.

Mr. Krauth: I have not anything personal against Mr. Howe. It is only the principle for which I am contending.

The Vice-President: The Chair will state in that connection that while Mr. Howe did give notice, it was by publication, and it was less than a week prior to the date when the reports were to be in his hands. It should be a personal request, a personal reminder.

The next thing in order is the report of the Committee on Standing Rules. Of course none of these committees have yet had a chance to meet and formulate reports, and, unless there is something to be brought up, I think a motion to adjourn for a short time would be in order.

Mr. Deats: The report of the Committee on permanent location of the library is ready, and as it goes to the committee on library it should accompany the report of the Librarian.

The President: If there are no objections we will listen to the report now.

Report of Committee on Permanent Location of Library.

Mr. Deats read the following report, which was referred to the Committee on Library:

To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee on the Permanent Location of the Library regret to report that no further progress has been made in the matter since our last report. Owing to the absence of Mr. Anderson, the Librarian of the Carnegie Library, it has not been possible to get the books that are already in Pittsburg, ready for circulation, but they will undoubtedly be ready within a short time.

We recommend that Mr. E. H. Anderson of Pittsburg be elected a member of the Association and appointed Librarian on the terms mentioned in our last report.

As the matter will be finished up this year, we recommend that Mr. H. E. Deats of Flemington, N. J., be appointed Assistant Librarian, to continue the work of preparing the matter on hand for binding and to complete the files, he being the only person familiar with the work already done.

C. P. KRAUTH,
H. E. DEATS,
Committee.

The Vice-President: Is there any other subject to be brought up this morning. If there is nothing else a motion to adjourn for a while will be in order.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, I move that we adjourn to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, and that we endeavor to meet as promptly as possible at that time.

The motion was seconded and carried, and the convention was thereupon, at 11.40 A. M., declared adjourned till Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

SECOND SESSION—Wednesday, September 13, 1899.

The Convention met in the Museum of Art at five minutes before eleven o'clock.

The Vice-President: Gentlemen I think we had better come to order and get as much business done as we can this morning.

I regret to have to announce this morning that Mr. Deats is confined at the hotel by illness. In his absence I will ask Mr. Carpenter to act as secretary for the time being.

The meeting of the newly elected Official Board was held last evening at the Cadillac, and it may be of interest if the secretary will announce the results of the election.

The Secretary pro tem: Mr. President the election held last evening resulted in

the choice of Mr. George L. Toppan as President; P. F. Bruner, Alexander Holland and J. W. George, Vice-Presidents; H. E. Deats, Secretary; C. P. Krauth, International Secretary; H. G. Smith, Treasurer.

The Vice-President: The next item is the report of the Committee on Standing Rules.

Report of Committee on Standing Rules.

Mr. Smith, for the Committee on Standing Rules, read the following report, which was accepted:

Your Committee on Standing Rules would most respectfully report recommending the adoption of the Rules which have been in force at the previous conventions.

H. G. SMITH,
D. T. EATON,
E. R. ALDRICH.

Communications.

The following communication was read:

BROOKLYN, N. Y., August 16, 1899.

Wm. N. Howe, Esq., Secretary American Philatelic Association, Portland, Maine:

DEAR SIR: Encouraged by the public interest manifested in our First Philatelic Exhibition held last March, the members of the Section have decided to give another in March, 1900, on a somewhat larger scale. Assurances already received from many prominent philatelists lead us to the conclusion that the next Exhibition will be even a greater success than the first.

The Committee feels that the work already accomplished by the Section in securing the scientific recognition of philately, increasing its value as an educational factor, etc., should be an incentive to all leading Societies to lend us their hearty support. It would be a source of gratification to us if your Association could contribute one or more medals (design to be furnished by us) for specific purposes or exhibits.

Prospectus, giving full particulars, and containing names of Societies who have signified their willingness to co-operate, is now in course of preparation and will shortly be issued, and the Committee desire to have the privilege of placing your name on the list, no liability of any kind being incurred by your giving this consent.

Your prompt reply will be appreciated.

Very respectfully,

JOHN D. CARBERRY,
Secretary.

The Vice-President: Are there any suggestions as to this matter?

Mr. Krauth: Mr. President, I would respectfully move that the Secretary be instructed to advise the Section on Philately of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences that the American Philatelic Association in convention assembled heartily approves of their objects, sympathizes with their purposes, and will co-operate in the method suggested of offering medals for philatelic progress.

Mr. Kissinger: Mr. President, I will second that motion, and will add that it be referred to the New York branch to look after the matter. The New York branch might see the Brooklyn Institute and co-operate with them.

The Vice-President: It is the opinion of the Chair that as they reserve the right to designate the medal, etc., it had better be left personally to the secretary; he is virtually right there in New York. However, if Mr. Krauth will accept the amendment, all right.

Mr. Carpenter: Mr. President, they request one or more medals for specific purposes. Don't they wish us to name what they are to be given for?

Mr. Smith: Mr. President, wouldn't it be well to refer this to the Board of Vice-Presidents, with power to act?

The Vice-President: It might be a good suggestion.

Place of Next Convention.

The following communication was read :

"Box 104, BERLIN, Ont., Canada, August 1, 1899.

W. N. Howe, Portland, Me. :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER PHILATELIST: At the convention of the Dominion Philatelic Association Convention (July 1, 1899), I was instructed to write to you as Secretary of the A. P. A., asking you to bring before the consideration of the A. P. A. members present at your convention, the advisability of having your next convention held at Niagara. If other societies are in favor of it there could be one grand union convention held there.

Kindly bring it into consideration at your convention in Detroit. Wishing you a successful meeting.

Yours fraternally,
GEO. W. STARNAMAN,
Sec'y-Treas. D. P. A."

The Vice-President: In the opinion of the Chair, gentlemen, the place of the next convention might just as well be settled now as at any other time. Are there any nominations?

Mr. Smith: To start the ball rolling, I will nominate Milwaukee, Wisconsin—"The bright spot."

The nomination was seconded.

Mr. Kissinger: Mr. President, in behalf of several proxies that I hold I nominate Tampa, Fla.

Mr. Brodstone: I would like to nominate Baltimore.

Mr. Kissinger: I might also say that it is the request of a number of southern members that we meet at some place in the South, as the A. P. A. have never been in that section. I received a specially urgent letter to that effect from the president of the P. S. of A. and several other members in the South.

Mr. Smith: We would want a winter convention.

Mr. Kissinger: A convention about November, they thought.

The Vice-President: It would not do.

Mr. Krauth: I would like to place in nomination Niagara Falls, N. Y. The idea of holding our convention in November or at any other season of the year to suit the climatic conditions of the place nominated is one that is hardly feasible. We are making an experiment this year in holding our convention about a month later than it has usually been held, and a very meagre attendance is one of the results. It seems to be practically demonstrated that conventions held much west of the States of New York and Pennsylvania will not attract the great mass of the members of the Association, and I think that any one will be willing to grant that the more prominent and the more active members in association work are largely resident east of that line, of the western boundary of New York and Pennsylvania. We have for the past three years now accepted the hospitality of existing philatelic societies in the cities in which our conventions have been held, and I think that we are degenerating in this respect. I believe that the conventions held at points where no body of organized collectors exists are characterized by a greater enthusiasm, by better work; they throw us more on our own resources. We are invited to visit a city by an existing body, we leave everything to them; we accept gratefully, or with hidden criticism, as the case may be, whatever they give us, but we do not feel free to do what we want. I think that such members as are now present who attended the Clayton convention, where the entertaining was done entirely by the Association through its own efforts, will admit that there was some brotherly feeling, in spite of the cutthroat fight that we had there, that there was a closer growing in acquaintance and more real active work done than in any convention that has been held since. Niagara Falls is a beautiful place. There is no need for me to draw pen

pictures of the scenery; we are all familiar with it. Its climate is pleasant. At the usual time in August when our conventions have been held and when most of us are able to get away, to make our business vacations coincide with the meeting of the convention, we are apt to have cool and pleasant weather there. The hotel accommodations are ample, and while no doubt they would not put an electric "Welcome" on the city hall for us, owing to the fact that sundry brides and bridegrooms might feel slighted if they were overpassed in that important moment of their careers, yet I know that the proprietors of the hotels will be very glad to see us at the usual price per. The hotels are good, particularly the Hotel Kaltenbach, where we had our banquet at the last convention, and there we shall not be beholden to anyone but ourselves. We already have a nice little nest egg for entertainment purposes in the treasury, a nest egg which I helped to lay with the sweat of my brow and which I would like to see hatch into another convention as enjoyable and as profitable as we had at Clayton, only I want to see the white-winged angel of peace hover over our proceedings next year, instead of the black demon of discord. I do not think we can attract a larger attendance at any point than at Niagara Falls. Niagara Falls is one of the chronic excursion points, so that we can always get favorable rates there in the summer, and it is one which will be apt to compel the attendance of at least one representative of the metropolis, which Detroit, unfortunately, seems to have failed to do. It is probably due to local envy. New Yorkers don't want to say that they have come to the metropolis of Michigan and have compared it with the metropolis of New York, and have found the streets cleaner and the air brighter and the girls prettier and more bicycles to the square inch than they can rake up even on the boulevard. So that if my motion finds a seconder, as I think it will, I think we cannot do better than go to Niagara Falls.

Mr. Kissinger: I take great pleasure in seconding the motion of Mr. Krauth. While I come from the East and am an advocate of the East, I appreciate all that the western members have done for the conventions held in the West. But I feel confident a crowd can be easily gathered to go to Niagara Falls. There is a greater field to draw from. There are more collectors who will attend a convention held in the East than in the West, and I feel sure there will be similar action taken by the P. S. of A. if the A. P. A. decide to go to Niagara Falls. Most of my proxies in the P. S. of A. are instructed for Niagara Falls or Clayton, and either place makes very little difference. As to rates, we can get reduced rates to Niagara Falls more often than to Clayton, and I think it is quite a favorable spot for the 1900 convention.

The Vice-President: Any further remarks, gentlemen? (No response.) Then I suppose we might as well proceed to the ballot. The usual way of taking the ballot has been to call the names of those members present: as their names are called they will announce the number of their proxies with their own vote and state what place they vote for. If after the list has been gone through, any member has not been called upon, I hope he will let us know of the fact and register at the same time.

The Secretary will now call the roll.

Mr. Kissinger: I have handed in a proxy to the committee and several other people have done the same. Could not those be voted to-day? They were given to Mr. Johnson not very long ago.

The Vice-President: No proxies can be voted that have not been acted upon by the Credentials Committee.

The Secretary proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. Bartels, when his name was called, said: There is some dispute here about the proxies. I would like to know whether a member can qualify at the convention or just prior to the convention.

Mr. Johnson: I made my ruling that every member on the check list that I have was entitled to proxies, otherwise not. I don't know whether I am right or

wrong. In this case the member referred to paid his dues yesterday; of course I did not count him in.

Mr. Bartels: One of the members gave me his dues to take along, and his proxy.

The Vice-President: I think under the circumstances if a man has paid his dues I should accept it and give him the privilege of voting.

Mr. Johnson: Very well, let it go in and give him credit for it.

The roll call proceeded with the following result.

	Milwaukee.	Niagara Falls.
F. H. Burt - - - - -		8
J. M. Bartels - - - - -		6
E. M. Carpenter - - - - -		1
J. F. Johnson - - - - -	38	
E. C. Althen - - - - -	1	
W. H. Barnum - - - - -	2	
Nathan Cobe - - - - -	1	
H. G. Smith - - - - -	1	
E. R. Aldrich - - - - -	33	
W. F. Fratcher - - - - -	1	
F. J. Bescher - - - - -	1	
G. W. Rode - - - - -		1
A. Platz - - - - -		5
A. G. Burgoyne - - - - -		7
C. P. Krauth - - - - -		1
P. J. Kranz - - - - -		1
D. T. Eaton - - - - -	70	2
C. W. Kissinger - - - - -		11
L. P. Brodstone - - - - -	1	
Herbert Bowen - - - - -		1
	149	44

Mr. Kissinger: Mr. President, who holds all the New York proxies?

Mr. Carpenter: Mr. Deats. He is sick.

Mr. Kissinger: It is pretty bad for Niagara Falls if Mr. Deats is sick. He holds 43 proxies.

Mr. Bartels: Is there any limit as to how many proxies one member can hold?

The Vice-President: None at all.

Mr. Johnson: There used to be, didn't there?

The Vice-President: It used to be limited to fifty.

The Secretary pro tem.: Mr. President, the total number of votes cast is 193: Niagara Falls has 44; Milwaukee has 149.

Mr. Krauth: Mr. President, I move to make it unanimous for Milwaukee.

Mr. Kissinger: I second the motion.

The Vice-President: You have heard the motion, gentleman. If there is no objection it will so stand.

The Vice-President: Is there any unfinished business? If, not, we will take up new business. Has any member anything to bring before the convention?

Mr. Kissinger: How about the official journal?

The Vice-President: That would come up under Reports of Committees.

Date of Next Convention.

Mr. Smith: There has been considerable talk, pro and con, in regard to the date at which we hold our convention. As Mr. Krauth has said, holding it as late as we have this year, it has been impossible for a large number of members to get away, especially in the West. The business season starts up in the West the first day of August; that is, almost all corporations have their business year end the 31st day of July. I put this simply as a suggestion instead of a motion, that it would be better to hold our convention a little earlier, say during June or July.

The Vice-President: Does anybody care to put that in the form of a motion?

Mr. Smith: I will put it in the form of a motion, to bring it before the house, that we hold our next convention beginning on the Tuesday as near the 15th of July as possible.

Mr. Kissinger: No, August. I move that we make that the 15th of August instead of July.

Mr. Burgoyne: I second that motion, Mr. President.

Mr. Cobe: July or August?

Vice-President: There are no motions before the house, gentlemen; neither motion has been seconded.

Mr. Burgoyne: I second Mr. Smith's motion.

Mr. Brodstone: I would like to ask why we cannot meet while the L. A. W. are meeting at Milwaukee? By meeting at that time we should get a reduced rate. By meeting here a week too early we miss the Odd Fellows' reduction, and in the same way at Boston we missed the G. A. R. reduction. Nearly all those tickets are extended thirty days.

Mr. Kissinger: What time does the L. A. W. meet at Milwaukee?

Mr. Brodstone: That is not decided; sometimes in July and sometimes in August.

The Vice-President: The question before the house is simply on the adoption of the day, the motion being that the convention shall be held on the Tuesday as near as possible to the 15th of July. Are there any remarks?

Mr. Cobe: I think July is too early; it is too warm; August is better.

Mr. Kissinger: We can always get a very much larger crowd in August than in July. I have noticed that in the different conventions I have attended since 1892.

The motion was put to vote and was declared lost.

Mr. Kissinger: Mr. President, I move that the convention be held the week of the L. A. W. meeting, commencing the Tuesday of that week.

Mr. Bartels: I second that motion.

The Vice-President: Are there any remarks on that motion? It is rather indefinite, as we do not know just when they are going to meet?

Mr. Kissinger: Provided they meet in July or August.

Mr. Rode: Is it certain that the L. A. W. do hold their meeting in Milwaukee next year? It is not decided until the annual convention next February where they do meet. It will probably be Milwaukee, but it is not positive.

Mr. Brodstone: Why not make it so that we could meet at the time of some meeting in Chicago? It is only a dollar or so from Chicago, and by keeping our eyes open we can get the benefit.

A Voice: Isn't it fixed by the by-laws?

The Vice-President: The by-laws do not touch upon it at all.

Mr. Bartels: I move that it be left to the Official Board to decide when we meet, and at the same time recommend that it be in August.

The Vice-President: Just a moment; there is another motion before the house now.

Mr. Burgoyne: Mr. President, my feeling in the matter is against putting it so late as September. It is a matter of indifference to me whether we meet in July or August, and I think that the matter might best be left to the board with the understanding that the meeting should be earlier than September: then all these various questions as to what other associations might be meeting or what opportunity there might be for rates, and so on, could be left, because we don't know enough about those things a year ahead. I would therefore, if it is in order to make a motion at the present time—

The Vice President: Not until the present one is disposed of.

Mr. Kissinger: I will withdraw my motion.

The Vice-President: Does the seconder of Mr. Kissinger's motion consent to the withdrawal?

Mr. Bartels: I withdraw my seconding.

The Vice-President: Any other motion is now in order.

Mr. Burgoyne: I move that the Official Board be instructed to assign a date for the convention earlier than the first of September.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Kranz.

Mr. Smith: Say earlier than the 20th of August, because there are a great many of the members who are students, who are getting ready for school after that time.

The Vice-President: Are there any further remarks upon the motion as made and seconded?

Mr. Bartels: I would like to make a request that it be fixed at the same time as the L. A. W. meet there, provided they do meet in Milwaukee. That would give a great many an opportunity for reduced rates who would not otherwise attend.

The Vice-President: Mr. Bartels, that is hardly germane to the question. The motion is to leave the matter to the Official Board, and we are only fixing the date.

Mr. Burgoyne: We take it for granted the Official Board will have intelligence enough to look after such matters as the meeting of the L. A. W. or the meeting of any other convention, and the sole purpose is to attend to the date now, if we cannot attend to anything else. I will make my motion not later than August 20.

Mr. Smith: I second that motion.

Mr. Kranz: The gentleman has made a motion to hold the convention previous to the first of September; I second it, and I wish he would stick to it. Now he changes it.

The Vice-President: The question recurs to the original motion, gentlemen, that the convention be held not later than the first of September.

The motion as stated was put to vote and declared carried.

Future Work of the Association.

The Vice-President: Gentlemen, under the head of new business I would like to ask the Secretary to read the suggestions of Dr. Mitchell, to which I referred in my address yesterday. They are found in the year book of 1898, on pages 42 and 43. It seems to me that something should be done along those lines.

The Secretary *pro tem* read the remarks referred to, as follows:

"*Dr. Mitchell:* The motion I want to make here is with a view to making the results of our convention more interesting and of practical benefit. Gentlemen come from cities at a distance and they want to get something that they can take home with them. There is no place, I think, like a convention of this kind, where men working with the same mind can meet and exchange ideas, take them home and apply them. I know I get good ideas in other conventions and I do not see why I should not get them in the stamp line, just the same as in dental, medical and other conventions. I want to make a motion that a number of committees be appointed, their reports to be submitted yearly; one committee to be a committee to make a report on the stamps of Europe, another on the stamps of Asia, and others on the stamps of Africa, Australia, Oceanica, North America, South America, United States postage, United States revenue, and United States private issues, or locals; a Committee on General Philately; a Committee on Etiology and Nomenclature—by that I mean that I want stamps correctly defined; for example, I do not want a stamp defined as a special delivery stamp when it is really a special carrier stamp. If we can do this we are getting down to practical work. The committee should prepare a nomenclature which can be used by all philatelic writers, so that we can have a uniformity of meaning.

"I would also recommend a Committee on Original Research. I would recommend that this committee award every year a diploma to the man who, during that year, has done the greatest service to philately—whose original paper, published anywhere, whether in America or abroad, has given the greatest information to the philatelists of the world.

"Let these committees attend faithfully to their duties and have their reports ready, and then when we come to our convention we can get right down to practical work. The trouble is, there is too much by-law and too much regulation. The sooner we get free from it the sooner we shall begin to make progress and accomplish something for philately. I would like to see this Association a court of last resort, where, for instance, if I believe in a certain stamp and another gentleman does not, we can each go before a committee which will investigate all the pros and cons. I can go to that committee and tell them what I know about it, the other gentleman can go and tell what he knows against it, and then when the committee makes its report we shall have it as a finality and abide by it.

"I would like to make a motion that these committees be appointed, or else that it be referred to the Board of Vice-Presidents; I do not care where it goes, so long as it is put into the hands of some one whose duty it will be to get the system into working order."

The Vice-President: Gentlemen, you have heard these suggestions. While they may not fill the bill in some cases, it strikes me there is a good deal of truth in them and I would like to hear from some of the members present in regard to them, or the advancement of any suggestions on a similar line. (After a pause.) There seems to be a great unanimity of opinion.

Mr. Burgoyne: Mr. President, the suggestions offered by—who is the gentleman who is offering the suggestions?

Mr. Krauth: Dr. Mitchell.

Mr. Burgoyne: Dr. Mitchell. The suggestions offered by Dr. Mitchell are very largely on the same line or indicate a line of procedure almost identical with that followed by the famous British Association for the Advancement of Science. But their meetings take up a great deal of time, and I think that is the main obstacle in the way of the comprehensive adoption of such a program as he submits. It would take an immense lot of time. As we are now, as we are this week, things have been done in a somewhat hurried fashion. There is a great deal of routine business to be accomplished, and if we were to get at the business as that Association on the other side of the water does in the handling of scientific topics we would have to give ourselves a full week at least, a week of long sessions—full forenoon sessions and full afternoon sessions and probably evening sessions—in order to deal with the various papers, inquiries, etc., covering the stamps of every country in the world and all the ins and outs of philatelic science. That is to my mind the only argument against it, and that does not prove that the suggestion is not an excellent one; it strikes me as being an excellent one. I think, therefore, if we had a committee to consider a plan of work on the lines suggested by Dr. Mitchell, but taking only the feasible and leaving out what is not susceptible of accomplishment that we could arrive at something. For my part, then, I am in favor of referring this matter to a competent committee with instructions to report a new plan of action, a new plan of procedure, conducive to more serviceable results than the present method.

Mr. Smith: It seems to me that we could devote one evening during our convention week to the reading of these papers and this business, and if Mr. Burgoyne has made that in the form of a motion, I will second his motion.

Mr. Burgoyne: I have not; I have not made it in the form of a motion.

Mr. Smith: That is, that we refer it to a committee to work the matter out. I

will make it, then, in the form of a motion, that the President appoint a committee of three.

Mr. Brodstone: I second that motion.

The question was stated by the Chair.

Mr. Krauth: Mr. President, I do not like to seem to occupy too much time of the Association, or to make myself too prominent on the floor, but I am satisfied that we have the germs of dry rot within us and that if we do not get rid of them the American Philatelic Association will in a few years be a thing of the past. Within the past five years we have seen it shrink from over 1,400 to less than 600 members, approximately.

Mr. Smith: I thought the figures as published at one time in the official journal were about 1,500.

Mr. Krauth: I think it was before your incumbency of the treasuryship, Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith: I may be wrong.

Mr. Krauth: My memory may be wrong; I never was much of a mathematician; but I know that we have shrunk 50 per cent. within a few years, and I know when I look back over the history of this Association I cannot see one thing that we have done for the advancement of the science of philately. We have met year after year, we have had a good time, we have had trolley rides, boat rides, lunches, dinners, dances, everything else of that kind, and have enjoyed them. But we have done little or nothing for philately. We have not published any original work. If we existed as we exist now for ten thousand years we would not be able to produce such a work as the London Society has just put into the hands of the collectors of the world, "The History of the Stamps of the British Isles," a monumental work. We have appointed committees to consider and report on special subjects. In the heat and enthusiasm of the meeting in New York last year—and those who were there will understand the accent laid on heat—Dr. Mitchell made his motion. He was appointed on a committee on which I also was appointed, a committee on philatelic aids and appliances, the direction in which my special branch of crankdom extends. Dr. Mitchell has not favored me with so much as a postal card during the last year on this subject. It was simply an aberration of the moment, and I dare say he has not thought of it since. Now that sort of thing is not going to help us. If we are here for the loaves and fishes, if the object of our association is to have a good time for three or four years and a day, if the object of our association is to receive a paper weekly for which we think we do not pay because we pay it indirectly—if the object of our association is to form pleasant acquaintances among the collectors of the country, then let us go on; it is all right. Those are very good objects, indeed, but I do not think they are the highest attainable by a national association of collectors. I know that in Pittsburg, impenetrable to the light of heaven as it is, we grovel there in darkness and we try to do a little original work. We have the Pittsburg Philatelic Club, limited to twelve members, meeting in rotation at the houses of different members, so that each member entertains the club once a year, and there it is compulsory for each member in turn to prepare and read a paper at a meeting of the society. Some of these papers are very crude and do nothing whatever for the advancement of science. Others are carefully prepared and show that the writer has taken an interest in his subject and is trying to bring something of practical use to his fellow members. Mr. Burgoyne, who has just spoken on this subject, and myself, have worked for many months on the stamps of France. We think that we have made some discoveries that have been heretofore unpublished on the subject, and when the paper on the subject is read before the Pittsburg Club, undoubtedly it will receive considerable attention and will attract the interest of the other members to the study of the stamps of that country and will do some good. The mere amass-

ment of stamps is not philately, and I believe to-day that we have in our association perhaps philatelists enough to occupy the fingers of one hand. The great bulk of us are collectors, but if we are going to be and continue for all time an association of collectors instead of an association of philatelists, then we ought to change our name; we are sailing under false colors. But it is evident from the discussion that has begun that we feel this ourselves, that we want to become an association of philatelists instead of an aggregation of collectors. It is that which distinguishes the schoolboy who swaps stamps from the gentleman who tries to emphasize the scientific side of philately. If we gave as much attention to that as we do to stamp collecting we would not be called stamp cranks any more, we would be recognized as gentlemen who had chosen a valuable branch of study, one which really did good to people in its results. Through the study of stamps I dare say that we have done a great deal of practical good in a business sense to the people of the world. When you compare the present beautiful engravings and the mechanical excellence of our postage stamps with the old things that we used to have, some of them passing through the mail with the inscription, "If the thing sticks it is paid," you can see that the collectors have done a great deal of good. The post office department in every country in the world now begins to recognize the existence of collectors. Collectors have almost entirely put an end to the production and use of counterfeit stamps as a means of defrauding the postal revenues. And there are many directions, particularly in historical researches that philatelists have made, that have proved of the greatest practical interest to the post office officials of the world. It is not necessary for me to tell you that philately is not a mere boys' amusement, that it has a sober, earnest, valuable, scientific side. It is just as much entitled to be considered as an object worthy of study as a great many of the isms and sciences that are treated with a great deal more respect by people who know nothing about them. It used to be said, "*Omne ignotum terreat*," but it seems to me that philately by people who know nothing about it is considered ridiculous instead of terrifying. I want that stigma removed from the science.

Now to get down to the practical part of my remarks, which are growing too long, I believe it will do very little practical good to appoint this committee now. In the first place, it is not a thing which is contemplated or covered by our by-laws and I greatly fear that the committee would report next year that owing to the pre-occupation of its members and distance and absence they have been unable to formulate anything worthy to bring before the attention of the association. I had the honor of being president for some years of the alumni association of the University of Pennsylvania for western Pennsylvania. It was quite a large association. We numbered some three hundred and eighty odd members; at least half as large as the American Philatelic Association is at present. And we got dry rot, too, and we got it very badly, and the only thing that could ever galvanize us was a free smoker. We had money enough to buy beer and 'baccy at almost any time we wanted for two or three hundred people, and we would take the University Club and throw it open for a night and send out five or six hundred invitations, and we would actually get seventeen or eighteen men there who were willing to drink free beer and smoke free cigars for two or three hours, and that was the great educational work that we carried on. So I think the educational work that we are carrying on in this Association is almost on a par with that. I believe that to-day the alumni association of the University of Pennsylvania is no longer suffering so much from dry rot - I have forgotten the technical name of that disease, Mr. Burgoyne; can you instruct me?

Mr. Burgoyne: Dry rot?

Mr. Krauth: Yes.

Mr. Burgoyne: I give it up.

Mr. Krauth: Then it probably hasn't any.

Mr. Burgoyne: There wasn't any dry rot in my days.

Mr. Krauth: That is it; they hadn't any dry rot in those days; they used to go in and do it instead of talking so much about it, so there wasn't any need for the expression. However, we got a good deal of progress made, not by appointing a committee who take no interest, but by assigning subjects to individual members and by holding them responsible for the appointment of a sub-committee, and they were threshing out all the wheat there was in that subject. Now I believe that instead of appointing a committee to consider the methods by which we can arrive at these different results, it would be better to leave to the Chair, who knows the personal tastes of the members, or at least who knows a member who has strong individual tastes in any direction, not only in the subjects named in Dr. Mitchell's remarks, but any others which are of equal if not greater practical value, and I believe if some enthusiast were placed in charge of that subject with full authority to select his associates from all over the country, not being tied down with persons who possibly are not congenial, with persons whose attainments he did not respect or whose personal peculiarities were antagonistic to him—I believe in placing these subjects in charge of an enthusiast and holding him then personally responsible. Let the Secretary take the trouble to advise him formally in writing that he has been placed in charge of this subject and that the association will look to him to thresh some wheat out of that that we can have at our next convention, or sooner, through the official journal, something that we can feed on and that we can grow and that we can gain strength on, and that will stop this living death that we are in now, for that is the condition that we are in. In my report as International Secretary yesterday I used the expression, "The moribund S. S. S. S.," but, gentlemen, if we do not take some action looking to less by-laws and to more work, to more influence in the world of philately, it will not be very many years before we can write "The moribund A. P. A.," and then but a year or two longer until upon some simple stone we can write the expression, "Here lies." For we are lying to-day in our existence; we are not living up to what we were created for and to what we must do and what we should do if we are to continue to exist. If we are to exist only for the loaves and the fishes, I tell you that within a very few years the men who are now leading and prominent in your councils will have withdrawn and will have attached themselves to those European societies which are really doing some work for our science. There are such societies, and Americans are welcome members there, and I believe the tendency of the best men to-day is to become members of such a European society instead of working to make our American society one which shall be the peer, if not the superior, of any of the European societies. We have the material and we ought to build it up, and we ought to erect a monument here which would be visible across the ocean, instead of standing here and gaping at them.

Now, as to the details of the plan, that is a question which, either the Association in its conventional wisdom—by that I mean its wisdom as shown in convention—or the board of directors whom you have chosen should settle, and the directors, of course, must settle the matters of detail. But I hope that I have been able to arouse some feeling, at least, that we must make a change if we wish to continue as a body with any influence whatever among the thinking collectors of stamps in the world. (Applause.)

Mr. Smith: With the permission of my second I will withdraw my motion.

The Vice-President: Are there any other motions or remarks?

Mr. Burgoyne: Mr. President, I will ask your indulgence for ten seconds and no more. I will not bore the Association with any extended remarks. There is just one feature of Mr. Krauth's remarks to which I wish to take exception. That is, he shows a tendency to sit down on these smoking and trolley riding features, and all that sort of thing, and I am dead against him right there. When I get away from

home and travel a few hundred miles once in a year I want to ride in the trolley and I want to smoke. I want to enjoy myself, and I can enjoy myself and be a philatelist at the same time. I wish to say, gentlemen, that I am optimistic. I believe we can do anything we set ourselves about. As far as I am concerned, I have not a particle of interest in the marketing of stamps. I don't care a fig about the buying and selling. I do buy stamps as far as my means allow. I don't sell them; I have nothing to do with that feature of it; I am a collector, pure and simple. I take a profound interest in the pursuit, and I take as much interest in this feature of it, this national assemblage, as I do in my work, in my small way, and I am delighted with the thought that we can enlarge our sphere of work and that we can be more genuine, more enthusiastic, and that we can accomplish something for the pursuit or for the science, if we choose so to call it. Now I believe that Mr. Krauth's idea is a good one; that if there were some definite lines of effort marked out to be followed by persons capable of following them out intelligently, a great deal could be accomplished. The only difficulty then arising would be as to the time, and I think that could be covered by evening sessions. Mr. Smith said that he thought the papers prepared or the reports on special lines of work could be disposed of in a morning. I do not believe that. But I think if we had three evenings to be devoted to the reading of papers and the presentation of reports on special lines of work, an immense amount of work could be accomplished, and the reading and the publication of the results of the work of individuals familiar with their own peculiar specialties in the study of stamps, when submitted to debate and when reproduced in the columns of the official journal, would stir up a new interest in philatelic science and do a world of good. I am heartily in favor of having the President of the Association designate individuals to prepare papers and reports as suggested by Mr. Krauth.

The Vice-President: Are there any other remarks, gentlemen? If not, I should like to have somebody put this proposition in the form of a motion in some way.

Mr. Burgoyne: I move that the president of this Association be instructed to designate members who shall prepare papers and reports on special philatelic subjects, and submit the same to the society at its next annual meeting. Is that your idea, Mr. Krauth?

Mr. Krauth: Not necessarily at the next annual meeting, Mr. Burgoyne; we can make free use of our official journal, too, in the meantime. A great many things of interest to us would be old and out of date by the time of the next annual convention. I should say that their recommended power would be to keep the Association in touch at all times with the interesting and novel points in connection with the subject under consideration by any individual and his sub-committee.

The Vice-President: To designate members to prepare papers and reports on special—I forget exactly how that is worded.

Mr. Krauth: On subjects of philatelic interest, to be selected by the president.

Mr. Smith: I second that motion.

There being no further remarks, the motion was put to a vote and carried.

Boston Philatelic Society.

The Vice-President: Is there any other new business? Has any member any point he cares to bring out?

Mr. Burgoyne: I have a resolution to offer. The Boston Philatelic Society has done some very useful work in the shape of the preparation of a book dealing with the revenue stamps of the United States, a comprehensive descriptive list of the revenue stamps of the United States, and this book, as I understand, has been prepared without hope of reward. That is to say, the understanding among those who prepared it was that the books would simply yield sufficient to repay the cost of producing it. Consequently it would seem fitting that this society should recognize the value of the

work done and recommend that copies of the book be secured by the members of this Association. Therefore I offer the following resolution :

Whereas, The Boston Philatelic Society has prepared a work fully cataloguing and describing the revenue stamps of the United States, and

Whereas, this work, embodying the fruits of ripe experience and careful research, is in the highest degree serviceable to students of philately,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the Boston Society for its valuable contribution to philatelic literature, and that all members of this Association are advised to add the work of the Boston Society to their libraries.

Mr. Krauth: Mr. President, I would take great pleasure in seconding these resolutions of Mr. Burgoyne and in calling the attention of the members present to the fact that here is a society numerically very much smaller than the American Philatelic Association, which has, by its sacrifice and by interest and love in the subject, succeeded in creating a work which will stand as a monument for many years, a work which in its typographical excellence and appearance is one fully fit to stand beside the work of the London Society to which I have just referred in my preceding remarks. I second this motion and hope that there will be no dissenting voice against it.

The resolution was put to a vote and carried unanimously.

The Vice-President: Mr. Krauth, will you kindly take the Chair?

Mr. Krauth in the chair.

Mr. George L. Toppan: Gentlemen and fellow members: on behalf of the Boston Philatelic Society, of which body I have the honor to be secretary, I wish to thank you most kindly for the resolutions which you have just passed.

Possibly it may not be uninteresting for you to hear a little about the work and the amount of it, that was involved in the preparation of this book. The committee, as you are aware, consists of three members: Mr. Deats, Mr. Holland and myself. Both Mr. Holland and Mr. Deats were so situated that they had really not the time to devote to the work, so that the bulk of it fell upon me—although they have, of course, assisted and done everything in their power to bring the work to a successful issue. I do not, therefore, wish to be understood as detracting in any way from the credit that is rightfully their due, or assuming too much for myself.

The committee was appointed in November, 1896, and was fortunate in having full access to the records of the printers and engravers of the revenue stamps, including all of their correspondence and the Government requisitions, from the taking effect of the Revenue Act, September 1, 1862, to August 31, 1875.

This material became available to us about the first of July, 1897. I went on to New York and, with Mr. Holland, began work upon it. We expected a large lot of material but what we found was several large dry goods boxes packed just as solidly as possible, to say nothing of various smaller ones and a few packages. Well, we started in to get this mass of material arranged systematically so as to enable us to pick out the necessary information with the least trouble. We worked steadily for seventeen days, averaging fifteen hours a day and, in all that time, I do not think that the thermometer got below 72 degrees; at all events I never saw it so low but once and that was at two o'clock in the morning.

From that time until this we have worked, systematizing and adding to the information until now we have practically put in three years of as hard work as I ever did in my life—and I thought that I had done some hard work before. I am free to admit that if I had realized the amount of work there would be in it, someone else would have written the book.

It was not until last Friday night that I received the last lot of data, one which we had considerable difficulty in obtaining, the period, covered by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing from October 1, 1880, to the repeal of the stamp taxes in 1883. The publishers wished to put their whole force upon the book this week and

were calling upon me for copy; you can understand what that meant. Between Friday night and Sunday noon, when I left the East, I managed to finish, and send to them, 350 pages of manuscript which, I hope, will be sufficient to keep them busy until my return.

We have had great success with the work; it seems to have met with universal approval.

Subscriptions have been coming in in grand shape, although we are always ready to receive more. As to the financial side of it, the amount that has been expended we do not expect to regain. We are paying the cost of publication without any trouble, but there has been a great deal of expense outside of that. I merely speak of it, and the work that has been gone through, to give you an idea what can be accomplished if you have a mind to take hold of it. There were the items of paper and the different changes in color and perforation, and I think we shall revolutionize the idea of the philatelic world on the subject of the perforation of United States Revenue stamps before we get through with it.

This work was particularly interesting in a certain way. Of course it was the time of the war. One of the first old books we encountered there contained a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury from the contractors protesting against the drafting of their head engraver. He was a man that would be exempt by age in fifteen days, and they took the ground that he could serve the government better in engraving dies than in firing a musket. Finally they got him released. On another occasion the department was complaining that they could not get any stamps. Things were at fever heat in Philadelphia, and the foreman of the printing room had organized a company among the employees and gone off to the war. Taking it altogether the information we got out of the old documents was exceedingly interesting. Most of it had been through from one to three fires, according to its age. Some of it was almost illegible. I have spent hours and hours deciphering the copy of a single letter, holding it up to the light and trying in all sorts of ways to make it out and in almost every case where I had worked so hard there would not be an item of interest in the whole thing, which was, well, hardly quieting. But fortunately, we are through with it now.

Now, what my idea is, is to see the American Philatelic Association come forward and take hold of something, make a record of some kind that they can hold up to the world without being ashamed of. I am not asking or advocating anything that I have not been through myself; I know just what it is, and I am ready and willing to do my share. If there is any way, officially or otherwise, in which I can help the members or help the Association, I am always to be found. I only hope that the talk we have had here to-day will be productive of something more than a report published in the Year Book and looked over after it has come out, and—"Well, we had a mighty good time, but I guess we'll lay off again until the next convention." (Applause.)

Control Stamps.

The Vice-President in the Chair.

The Vice-President: Is there any other item of new business?

Mr. Burgoyne: Mr. President, I have a recommendation to present from Pittsburg Branch, No. 5. It is with reference to control stamps. Pittsburg Branch, No. 5 is very tired of using its tongue on that vast expanse presented by the present control stamp, and the members are in favor of this change; that instead of making and issuing control stamps the exchange superintendent be instructed to provide a uniform rubber stamp for the use of members. Whatever little profit there is in the control stamp can just as easily be secured through the issuing of a rubber stamp, and there would be no physical infliction on the members. The control stamp, as it

is made to-day—I can speak from experience—is an infamy. Our members unanimously and earnestly protest against it. Shall I make a motion?

The Vice-President: I think it would be well, Mr. Burgoyne.

Mr. Burgoyne: I move that the exchange superintendent, Mr. Tuttle, be instructed to furnish, instead of the control stamps now in use, a rubber stamp—

Mr. Kissinger: A rubber stamp with the number of the member.

Mr. Cobe: Name.

Mr. Kissinger: Number is all right.

Mr. Burgoyne: A suitable rubber stamp.

Mr. Smith: With the number and initials.

Mr. Burgoyne: A rubber stamp with the number and initials of each member.

Mr. Smith: I second that motion.

The Vice-President: Gentlemen, you have heard the motion: are there any remarks?

Mr. Burgoyne: To issue instead of the control stamps now in use, rubber stamps bearing the number and initials of members.

Mr. Kissinger: They will cost only twenty cents apiece.

The Vice-President: Any remarks, gentlemen?

Mr. Krauth: Mr. President, this is quite an innovation. The Pittsburg branch was the branch to bring about the use of the original control stamp—

Mr. Burgoyne: The original criminal.

Mr. Krauth: The original criminal. Our intentions, however, were somewhat changed by Mr. Mekeel, who was at that time the superintendent of sales and exchanges. If we can prevent fraud in the use of rubber stamps I believe that it will be a very neat and good way of identifying the space from which any given member has removed a stamp. But I think that before we make such a radical change we ought to impress upon the superintendent of sales and exchanges that he must get something which every rubber stamp maker in the country cannot imitate for five or ten cents, otherwise we lay ourselves open to a flood of complaints and substitution such as we have never dreamed of. It is difficult to lithograph and counterfeit a control stamp; it would be expensive to procure a counterfeit of a bi-colored control stamp such as we have. As it is now, a great many of the members do not lick them; they do not use them; and if the branch exchange managers were to compel the members to live up to the laws we would find that there would be a good deal less complaint. My only fear in regard to the rubber stamp scheme is that some unscrupulous person who has found access to this association—and there is no use denying the fact, gentlemen, you know it; there are such people in the association who use us as sheep's clothing for their wolfish designs—if we have a rubber stamp that can be imitated by a rubber stamp maker, I am very much afraid that there will be stamps removed, and the wolf in Texas or the wolf in Maine or the wolf in California or the wolf in any other State will stamp the number and initials of some sheep in New York or Boston or St. Louis or some place else, provided the sheep has lots of money, and it is going to be a very difficult matter to say whether that impression was made by a counterfeit stamp or a genuine stamp. It lays a door wide open unless we go to the expense of having a matrix engraved for our rubber stamp, something that will be intricate enough to prevent the ordinary stamp maker from imitating it—something that will cost as much to imitate as the stamps you could steal with it. I would be afraid to have in my possession the certificate stamp of a bank in good standing—I would be tempted to use it sometimes; and if some of our members have a stamp in their possession in which they can change a few letters and a few figures and pull down Mauritius post offices and a few trifles of that kind that are now circulating regularly in our circuits (laughter), I think they would do it.

It is a question of grave thought. The Association ought to have a design made for the stamp, with simply a space for the number and initials.

Mr. Smith: Wouldn't it be an easy matter for the exchange superintendent to keep a check on the circuits that go out? It would be very easy to detect a forged stamp if that was done.

Mr. Krauth: That is a matter that looks very easy, Mr. Smith. I have been three years trying to find a method of doing it, and I have never found one.

Mr. Smith: Yes, but I think it could be done in this way: here is a circuit that might go to six members. A man might have a stamp of some member that was not on the circuit; the fraud would be detected at once. Or, if a man had a stamp of of some other member on the same circuit, when complaint came to the superintendent he would change that circuit and separate those men, and the next time he had it from that man he would have the proof. It would be a very serious offense, and nobody could afford to be caught the second time.

Mr. Burgoyne: To the members who were present at our meeting when we discussed this matter it appeared that the one question before us was the question of cleanliness and comfort. There are so few people on a circuit that the danger of fraud is comparatively slight. If there is a thief he can be hunted down. With rubber stamps there is no more danger, it seems to me, than with paper. Of course it would be proper for the exchange superintendent to get the best form of stamp that he could, and one least easily counterfeited. The presumption is that he would do that.

The Vice-President: Are there any further remarks?

Mr. Bartels: Could not this be avoided by simply allowing the signature of the member? That would certainly be much less readily imitated than a rubber stamp.

Mr. Krauth: Your revenue disappears then, Mr. Bartels.

A Voice: The exchange superintendent is entitled to some reward.

Mr. Krauth: You might charge for the time of signing your name at ten cents a hundred.

Mr. Fratcher: What is the objection to control stamps? The matter of licking it?

Mr. Burgoyne: They are so large, and the gum is so poor.

Mr. Fratcher: Wouldn't it be better to have a smaller stamp? A rubber stamp will never do in the world; you can never get a rubber stamp that cannot be imitated at very little cost. There are always good rubber stamp men in every city, and what one rubber stamp man can do another can imitate. A stamp printed in two or three colors and of small size would be a very good thing. As to the matter of the gum, a great many people in banks use a sponge for wetting stamps. That does away with the licking of the stamps; a man does not have to touch it to his lips at all. I do not think there is anything better than a control stamp.

The Vice-President: Some people carry an envelope sealer, a small bottle with a sort of lamp wick made of felt in it that feeds it.

Mr. Fratcher: That is a fine thing. There are people who are putting stamps on letters all day long that never think of putting a stamp to their mouth. It seems as though a control stamp could be made in some way to avoid all objections.

The question being put to vote, the motion was declared lost.

The Vice-President: Gentlemen, I think as it is getting rather late, and we have gone about as far as we can at present, a motion to adjourn will be in order.

Mr. Kissinger: Is there anything for this afternoon?

Mr. Fratcher: There is a trip to Walkerville and a trip around Belle Isle Park, as I understand it. The committee that arranged it are not here just now.

Mr. Kissinger: Do you expect that the convention will continue over until to-morrow?

The President: We will have to. We will begin promptly to-morrow at ten o'clock, for we must get through. There is very little left.

On motion, at half past twelve, the convention adjourned to Thursday, September 14, at ten A. M.

THIRD SESSION—Thursday, September 14.

The Convention met at 10 A. M., Vice-President Toppan in the chair.

Mr. Deats resumed his duties as secretary.

The Vice-President: The chair will call for the report of the Committee on Credentials.

Report of Committee on Credentials.

Mr. Johnson read the following report:

To the Officers and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report the following additions up to 10 o'clock, Sept. 14, 1899:

J. M. Bartels	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Herbert Bowen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
A. G. Burgoyne	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
C. W. Kissinger	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
H. E. Deats	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. JOHNSON,
W. F. FRATCHER,
D. T. EATON,
E. R. ALDRICH.

The Vice-President: The report of the Secretary having arrived, we will listen to that.

The following report was read:

Report of the Secretary.

PORTLAND, ME., Sept. 12, 1899.

To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

I regret exceedingly that I cannot be present at the Annual Convention and present my report in person, but my business is such that it is not possible to leave at this time.

While the office of Secretary at times seems somewhat arduous yet it is a pleasant one, as it brings that official acquaintance with the prominent philatelists of the country, and the many hours spent in attending to its duties are a source of profit and gratification.

The present membership is 583. This shows a decrease from former reports, yet the showing is a most creditable one and I am confident the coming year will show an increase beyond our expectations.

During the year forty-five petitions have been received and declared elected; twenty-eight resignations have been accepted.

The deaths are;

1546	Anderson, Walter P., Minneapolis, Minn.
554	Boynton, George E., Baltimore, Md.
142	Dejonge, Aug., Stapleton, N. Y.
1299	Hanson, James H., New York, N. Y.
1417	Keutgen, Chas., New York, N. Y.
1277	Smith, Kendall G., Winona, Minn.
891	Stephenson, A. B., Portland, Maine.

I would suggest that a Committee on Obituaries be appointed to report suitable sketches and resolutions for publication in our Year Book.

Although properly notified not one Branch Society has made a report to me, consequently I cannot enlighten the Convention on this subject.

It may be that their reports are so overflowing with the good results obtained that they preferred to personally present them and not burden the Secretary and cause him to have a surplus of material for his report.

In closing I wish to extend my thanks to all the members for their very courteous treatment during my term of office, and I sincerely regret my inability to again be the Secretary of the American Philatelic Association.

Believe me,

Sincerely and courteously.

WILLIAM N. HOWE, Secretary.

Mr. Kissinger: Mr. President, I move that the report of the Secretary be accepted as read, and that a Committee on Obituaries be appointed as he suggests.

The Secretary: There is a standing Obituary Committee.

The motion to accept the report was seconded and carried.

The Chair called for the report of the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Carpenter: Mr. President, Mr. Kissinger and I have drawn up the report. If it could come up a few minutes later I should prefer that the other member should see it.

The Vice-President: We will pass that for the present. Report of the Committee on Library. (No response.) That will have to be passed. The report of the Sales and Purchasing Department will have to be passed on account of its being referred to a New York committee to report through the journal.

Report of Committee on Official Journal.

Mr. Burt read the following report:

DETROIT, September 12, 1899.

The Committee on Official Journal, to whom was referred the proposition of W. W. Jewett offering the *Weekly Philatelic Era* as official journal for the coming year, at the same rate and on the same conditions as for the past two years, to wit: at twenty-five cents per member per year, the Association to reimburse the publisher for postage on copies sent to members outside the United States, Canada, and Mexico, recommend that the said proposition be accepted and that the *Weekly Philatelic Era* be continued as official journal for the ensuing year.

Your committee would further express their approval of the services rendered the Association by the *Era* as official journal.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK H. BURT, Chairman,
NATHAN COBE,
T. O. BAILEY.

Mr. Kissinger: Mr. President, I take great pleasure in moving that that be accepted, and I hope the vote will be unanimous.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Eaton and was carried.

Mr. Carpenter: Mr. President, does the accepting of that report carry with it that the recommendation is adopted. Shall we not have to vote that the recommendation be adopted?

The Vice-President: I think very likely.

Mr. Carpenter: Mr. President, I then move that the recommendation be adopted and that the *Weekly Philatelic Era* be the official journal of the Association for the coming year.

The motion was seconded and carried.

The Vice-President: Committee on Branch Societies.

Mr. Bescher: The Committee have no report to make.

The Vice-President: We will cross that off. Committee on By-Laws,

Report of Committee on By-Laws.

Mr. Deats, for the Committee on By-Laws, read the report of that Committee, as follows:

DETROIT, MICH.

To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN: We beg to submit for your careful consideration the following amendments to the By-Laws of the Association and, in explanation of the large number of changes herein proposed, we desire to respectfully call your attention to the fact that all of the amendments proposed at the Annual Convention of 1898, upon which, owing to lack of a quorum, no definite action was taken, are included herein.

Amend Article II. Section 1, by inserting the words: "*and, if the applicant is a resident of any locality where there is a Resident Vice-President, his application must be approved by said officer. Said application must be,*" so that it shall read:

ARTICLE II.—*Membership.*

SECTION 1. Any person may become a member of this Association by filing with its General Secretary an application in the form prescribed from time to time, signed by at least two members of the Association, and, if the applicant is a resident of any locality where there is a Resident Vice-President, his application must be approved by said officer. Said application must be accompanied by the sum of one dollar for a certificate of stock, and the amount of the dues for the remainder of the fiscal year (ending August 31), the whole to be refunded if admission is refused; and if the applicant has not attained the age of twenty-one years he must accompany his application with a bond signed by some responsible person obligating himself for the proper fulfillment of the applicant's promises and obligations to the Association, in case the applicant is admitted. The General Secretary shall cause the name and address of each applicant, his references and bondsmen, to be published in the next Official Journal sent to members, and if no objection to his admission shall be received by the Board of Vice-Presidents within one month after such publication, the applicant shall be considered elected. In case the Board of Vice-Presidents shall receive any objections to the admission of any applicant, they shall notify the General Secretary thereof, and proceed to investigate the case, and accept or reject the applicant, in their discretion, and shall certify their decision to the General Secretary, who shall thereupon proceed accordingly.

Amend Article III., Section 8, by omitting the words: "and a Committee of five members on Credentials" so that the section shall read:

SECTION 8.—At the Annual Convention of the Association the President shall appoint the following standing committees, of three members each:

Committee on Standing Rules,
Committee on Finance,
Committee on Library,
Committee on Sales and Purchasing Department,
Committee on Official Journal.

Committee on Branch Societies, and a Committee of five members, of which the President shall be ex-officio Chairman, on the By-Laws. The following shall be the order of business:

1. Call to Order.
2. Report of Committee on Credentials.
3. Roll Call.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Reading of Minutes.
6. Reports of Officers.
7. Communications.
8. Unfinished Business.
9. New Business.
10. Reports of Committees.
11. Adjournment.

Amend Article V., Section 1, by inserting, after the words: "as provided for in Article III., Section 1," the words: "shall appoint a Committee of five members on Credentials," so that the Section shall read:

ARTICLE V.—*Duties of Directors.*

SECTION 1. *President.*—The President, in addition to the general duties of his office, shall preside at all meetings of the Association, appoint all committees, sign all certificates of stock and all warrants on Treasurer for moneys required by the Association, as well as contracts, deeds, bonds, notes and other obligations entered into by the Association. Prior to each Annual Convention he shall issue the call therefor, as provided for in Article III., Section 1, shall appoint a Committee of five members on Credentials, and a Committee of Arrangements to provide suitable rooms and make other preparations for holding said meeting, the expenses incurred by such Committee in the performance of their duties to be defrayed from the General Fund of the Association. At each Annual Convention he shall address the Association on such matters of interest as he shall determine.

To further amend Article V. by omitting, in Section 2, paragraph 3, the words: "after approval by the Official Board," so that it shall read: All expenses for postage, stationery, telegrams and registry fees shall be certified by the First Vice-President and be paid from the general fund.

Amend Article VII., as follows:

First, by adding to its title the words: "and Standing Committees" so that it shall read: "Article VII.—Officers and Standing Committees."

Second, in Section 1, strike out the words: "A Superintendent of Literary Exchange," and add "Assistant Librarian" so that it shall read:

SECTION 1.—In addition to the nine Directors, or Official Board the officers of the Association shall be:

A Superintendent of Purchasing and Sales Department,

A Counterfeit Detector,

An Examiner of Sales Books,

A Librarian,

An Assistant Librarian,

A Collecting Agent,

and such Resident and State Vice-Presidents and Auction Purchasing Agents as the Official Board may appoint.

Third, by inserting a new Section, to be known as Section 2, and to read as follows:

SEC. 2. In addition to the officers as named in Section 1 of this Article there shall be the following Standing Committees:

An Obituary Committee,

A Committee upon Philatelic Literature, and

A Committee upon Philatelic Aids and Appliances.

Fourth. To renumber Section 2, making it Section 3, and to amend it by inserting after "Section 1" the words: "and 2," also changing the word "Section" to "Sections."

Amend it by changing the first paragraph to read:

"Sec. 3. All of the officers and standing committees mentioned in Sections 1 and 2 of this Article," etc.

Also, in the last paragraph of said Section, to amend by inserting, after the word "Officer," the words "or Standing Committee" so that the section shall read:

SEC. 3. All of the Officers and Standing Committees mentioned in Sections 1 and 2 of this Article shall be appointed and subject to removal by the Official Board, as provided for by the laws of Minnesota, and shall make a full report of their proceedings to the Annual Convention and to the Official Board or any special meeting of the Association, when called upon so to do. Their terms shall expire when their successors shall have been appointed and qualified. In case any such officer is temporarily prevented by sickness or other cause from performing his duties, the Official Board may, in their discretion, appoint a substitute to act during such incapacity. No expense shall be incurred by any officer or standing committee appointed by the Official Board, except for postal and express charges, until the same is authorized by the Board of Directors.

Fifth. To renumber sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 making them respectively Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

Sixth. Same article, section 4, "Superintendent of Literary Exchange," strike out entire section and substitute the words "Assistant Librarian. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Librarian to preserve and properly care for the records of the

Association as received from retiring officers or Boards, and he shall further receive all gifts to the Association of printed matter and shall at proper times forward the same to the Librarian for permanent care."

Seventh. To amend Sec. 3 of Art. 7 to read "He shall be allowed a commission of seven and one half per centum ($7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.), on all sales and purchases" instead of "ten per cent." as it now reads in seventh to tenth lines of the section.

Eighth. To amend by adding to the same article three new sections, to be known as Sections 12, 13 and 14, and to read:

SEC. 12. *Obituary Committee*.—It shall be the duty of this Committee to secure during the year such facts about deceased members as will be of general interest, to publish them in the official journal from time to time, and to bring them together in their Annual report in the form of a summary for publication in the Year Book of the Association.

SEC. 13. *Committee on Philatelic Literature*.—It shall be the duty of this Committee to report, through the columns of the official journal, upon all new catalogues, hand-books, manuals and papers that are brought out during the year; to summarize the same in their Annual report for publication in the Year Book, and to make such deductions or suggestions in relation thereto as may, in their judgment, seem to be warranted or called for.

SEC. 14. *Committee on Philatelic Aids and Appliances*.—It shall be the duty of this committee to record, in the columns of the official journal, the appearance of all new tools, aids, or other philatelic appliances, that shall appear during the year; to explain and comment upon their uses, etc., and in their Annual report, to summarize all such information for publication in the Year Book.

To amend Article VIII. by striking out all of Section 1 and renumbering the following sections so that they will be Sections 1, 2 and 3, and the whole Article will read as follows:

ARTICLE VIII.—*Sales Department.*

SECTION 1. A report shall be rendered to all members whose books are not returned and settled for within three months from date of receipt.

SEC. 2. Members are allowed to keep Sales Circuits three days; a fine of two cents per day for each book must be collected from members who disregard this rule. Upon the failure of any member to pay such fine he shall be dropped from Circuit lists and reported to the Board of Vice-Presidents.

SEC. 3. An insurance fund shall be maintained by the Superintendent of Sales and Purchasing Department who shall collect a premium of one per cent. of the value of all stamps sent in for circulation.

This rule shall apply to all stamps in circulation at the date of its adoption.

From this fund all losses shall be paid, of whatever nature, except those arising from substitutions.

Should losses occur greater than the amount of the Insurance Fund in hand they shall stand as a liability against the fund, to be paid when the amount of premiums collected will satisfy same.

To amend Article IX., Section 1, so that it shall read:

SECTION 1. The Official Journal of the Association for the ensuing year shall be selected at each Annual Convention of the Association.

The Official Journal will be sent to all members regularly, and the Association shall pay the publishers such a sum for each member as may be agreed upon at each annual convention, this amount to come from the general fund.

The publishers to pay postage on all copies mailed to members in the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

Trusting that the above may receive your favorable decision, we remain,

Very respectfully,

GEO. L. TOPPAN,
C. P. KRAUTH,
H. E. DEATS,
J. M. BARTELS,
E. M. CARPENTER,

Committee.

DETROIT, September 13, 1899,

After the reading of the proposed amendment of Article II., Section 1, viz: to amend by inserting the words: "And, if the applicant is a resident of any locality where there is a Resident Vice-President, his application must be approved by said officer," etc.—

The Vice-President: Gentlemen, the Chair thinks it is just as well to take these articles up one by one and dispose of them as they are read.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, I would like to say that the entire report of this committee was practically adopted last year, but we could not amend the by-laws for lack of a quorum. This requirement, while it is implied in Article VII., Section 9, is nowhere definitely stated, as it most certainly should be.

Mr. Smith: I would like to ask if there is a quorum present now.

The Vice-President: We will find that out later, Mr. Smith. Gentlemen, we want a motion of some kind on this; we want to get through.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, I move that this amendment be adopted.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Kissinger.

The Vice-President: Gentlemen, you hear the motion; are there any remarks?

Mr. Aldrich: Mr. President, what representation have we.

The Vice-President: So far as the Chair understands it, 186 votes are necessary. There are over that number of proxies. Any further questions or remarks? Then I will put the question. The question is as to the adoption of the amendment as read.

The motion was carried.

The proposed amendment to Article III., Section 8, striking out the words "and a committee of five members on credentials," was read.

Mr. Deats: The section reads as before, except that the committee on credentials is not to be appointed at the convention.

On motion of Mr. Kissinger, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the amendment was adopted.

The proposed amendment to Article V., Section 1, providing that the President prior to each annual convention shall appoint a committee of five members on credentials, was read, and by motion of Mr. Deats, seconded by Mr. Kissinger, was adopted.

The proposed amendment to Article V., Section 2, paragraph 3, striking out the words "after approval by the Official Board," so that expenses incurred by the Board of Vice-Presidents should be paid without the approval of the Official Board was read on motion of Mr. Deats, seconded by Mr. Carpenter, was adopted.

The proposed amendments to Article VII., were taken up and acted upon as follows:

1. Making the title of the Article "Officers and Standing Committees;" adopted.

2. In section 1, strike out the words: "A Superintendent of Literary Exchange," and add, "Assistant Librarian," adopted.

3. Inserting a new section, to be known as section 2, and providing for the appointment of the following standing committees:

An Obituary Committee,

A Committee on Philatelic Literature, and

A Committee on Philatelic Aids and Appliances.

Mr. Deats: This is incorporating in the by-laws the committees that were proposed last year by Mr. Krauth and Dr. Mitchell.

Adopted.

4. Changing the old section 2 to section 3 and making verbal changes rendered necessary by the two preceding amendments; adopted.

5. Renumbering section 3, making it section 4; adopted.

6. Striking out section 4, prescribing the duties of Superintendent of Literary Exchange, and inserting new section defining the duties of Assistant Librarian; adopted.

7. To amend section 3 of Article VII. so that the Superintendent of Purchasing and Sales Department shall be allowed a commission of $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. instead of 10 per cent.

Mr. Kissinger moved the adoption of the amendment, and the motion was seconded.

Mr. Kissinger: Mr. President, that runs it up to 10 per cent. anyway, doesn't it, with the insurance fund?

The Vice-President: It runs it practically to that. As it now stands, the insurance fund is one per cent. of the gross. A man would not sell more than fifty per cent. If he paid $7\frac{1}{2}$ on 50 per cent. and one per cent. on the gross, he comes very near paying 10 per cent. on the total amount sold.

The amendment was adopted.

8. Adding three new sections defining the duties of the standing committees above provided for.

Mr. Kissinger: I move the adoption of the amendments, and that the Obituary Committee make a report in this year's Year Book on the persons who died during the last year.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, the committee appointed last year have already been ordered to do so, but they failed to report.

The amendments were adopted.

The proposed amendment to Article VIII., by striking out section 1 and renumbering the following sections, was read.

Mr. Deats: I will read the section that is to be stricken out. This is an important point, gentlemen, that caused considerable controversy at the last convention, so it will be just as well to have it thoroughly understood. This is the section that is to be stricken out; it is the first section of the Article relating to the sales department.

"SECTION 1. This Association cannot and does not guarantee any member from loss sustained in the usual and customary manner in exchange of stamps among members through the department of the Association, except in such cases where loss accrues to a member through such gross negligence or dishonesty of an officer as would render him liable under his bond in the Association for the amount of the loss; neither does the Association guarantee its members against such losses as are commonly incident to the business of buying, selling and exchanging stamps. Any loss accruing to members from unavoidable accidents or the dishonesty of a fellow member which could not reasonably have been foreseen and prevented by the officer in charge of the transaction must be borne by the member and does not constitute a claim against the Association."

The Vice-President: This amendment was offered last year, but for lack of a quorum was not adopted.

Mr. Bescher: What do the members pay an insurance for if they are going to have no guarantee?

Mr. Deats: This is section 3:

"SECTION 3. An insurance fund shall be maintained by the Superintendent of Sales and Purchasing Department, who shall collect a premium of one per cent. of the value of all stamps sent in for circulation."

"This rule shall apply to all stamps in circulation at the date of its adoption.

"From this fund all losses shall be paid of whatever nature, except those arising from substitutions."

"Should losses occur greater than the amount of the insurance fund in hand,

they shall stand as a liability against the fund, to be paid when the amount of premiums collected shall satisfy same."

Mr. President, I think that answers the question.

The Vice-President: The Chair will state that the idea was that Sections 1 and 4 conflicted. We want to eliminate Section 1 so as to make the insurance fund binding. As it is a question might come up, and under Section 1 as it now stands, the Association might escape payment of its just liabilities.

Mr. Smith: I move the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. Bescher: If you are going to protect in one way you want to protect in all ways; otherwise people won't send stamps to the department.

Mr. Carpenter: Mr. President, does Mr. Bescher understand that that section is to be stricken out as it stands on the book now?

Mr. Kissinger: I second the motion.

The motion was put to vote and adopted unanimously.

The proposed amendment to Article IX, providing that the official journal should be selected at this Convention, was read, and Mr. Kissinger moved its adoption.

Mr. Bescher: Mr. President, the postage is no greater to Canada and Mexico, is it, than any other printed matter?

The Vice-President: Not that I am aware of.

Mr. Kissinger: The United States is specified in the same clause.

Mr. Deats: I would like to state for Mr. Bescher's benefit that we specify those countries because the papers go there at the common rate of postage.

Unanimously adopted.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, that is all of the report of the Committee on By-Laws.

Obituary Committee.

The Vice-President: The Committee on Obituaries appointed at the last convention was composed of Messrs. Severn, Wolsieffer and Miller, all of Chicago, none of whom are here. Has anybody received their report?

Mr. Kissinger: I do not remember seeing the names of those who were on the Obituary Committee; I do not remember that it was published.

The Vice-President: The report of the Obituary Committee will have to be passed.

Mr. Smith: Was one appointed?

The Vice-President: That was the old committee that was appointed last year. They do not seem to have made a report or to have been present, and we have not heard a word from them—Messrs. Severn, Wolsieffer and Miller. They were duly notified.

Mr. Aldrich: I move that the directors be instructed to obtain the report and insert in it the Year Book.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Kissinger and carried.

Report of Committee on Philatelic Literature.

The Vice-President: Committee on Philatelic Literature.—W. C. Stone, Chairman, Messrs. Krauth and Deats.

Mr. Deats read the report of the Committee, which is appended to these Proceedings as Appendix A.

Mr. Deats: The idea of the publication of this list of periodicals is that persons who desire to subscribe for any paper in any particular language will be able to tell what will be of the most use to them. The report of this committee when complete will fill about fifty typewritten pages.

The Vice-President: Gentlemen, you have heard the report of this Committee; what is your pleasure with it?

Mr. Carpenter: I move it be accepted.

Mr. Burgoyne: Mr. President, in connection with this department of philatelic literature, I want to say just a few words as a newspaper man. I think it would be well if such efforts as are made by the daily press of the country to encourage stamp collecting received a little encouragement at the hands of this Association. The Committee on Philatelic Literature naturally, I suppose, takes no note of the fact that there are many newspapers in the United States that are giving considerable of their space to this subject and are doing a great deal of good, and I think much more good than the stamp papers because the stamp papers reach almost exclusively the collectors of stamps and the daily papers reach everybody and serve to interest the general public and to breed new collectors. For my own part, I have done what I could do in the last few years to stir up an interest in the subject by running once a week in the newspaper of which I happen to be one of the editors a column devoted exclusively to stamps. It has been a labor of love altogether, and I have done it for the sole purpose of interesting new people, attracting people to the collection of stamps and attracting them also to our local society, which is a very good one, a strong one, and I know that my work has not been without results, from the large number of inquiries that have come to me concerning stamps and from other indications of upspringing interest. I would be glad if hereafter the Literary Committee should find it possible to take some note of what the newspapers of the country are doing, because, as I have said before, they are not idle. I know of our own paper, the paper with which I am connected in Pittsburg, doing its share, at least one newspaper in Philadelphia and one newspaper in Chicago. That is all I can think of at present, but I know there are others.

Mr. Bescher: The *Kansas City Journal* has recently adopted it also.

Mr. Burgoyne: But that strikes me as being a department of philatelic literature that is worthy of notice and is capable of accomplishing a world of good.

The report of the Committee was accepted.

The Vice-President: The report of the Committee on Philatelic Aids and Appliances will be published in the Year Book, being simply read by title at the present time.

The Chair will now call for the report of the Committee on Library, which I believe is ready.

The following report was read:

Report of Committee on Library.

We recommend that the Report and recommendations of the Librarian and Committee on Permanent Location of Library be approved.

A. PLATZ,
EDWARD C. ALTHEN,
W. H. BARNUM,

Committee on Library.

On motion of Mr. Carpenter, seconded by Mr. Kissinger, the report of the Committee on Library was accepted.

Mr. Carpenter read the following report:

Report of Committee on Finance.

DETROIT, Sept. 14, 1899.

To the Officers and Members A. P. A.:

GENTLEMEN: The Finance Committee have examined the report and vouchers of the Treasurer and find them correct.

The receipts cannot be checked, but from the membership of the Society the Committee is convinced that these are also correct and recommend that the report be accepted and that the stamps which have been counted as cash be sold at auction and the loss charged to expense account.

They would also advise that at least the larger part of the stock fund be either placed in a savings bank or bonds subject to the approval of the Trustees, in order that the Association may be benefited by the interest.

E. M. CARPENTER,
CLIFFORD W. KISSINGER,
GEO. W. RODE,

Committee.

Mr. Bartels: The Trustees referred to, I suppose, are the Vice-Presidents?

The Vice-President: Is that intended as Vice-Presidents, Mr. Carpenter?

Mr. Carpenter: Yes.

On motion of Mr. Deats, seconded by Mr. Bescher, it was voted that the report be accepted and the recommendation adopted.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, the Librarian's report includes his cash account, which is accompanied by his vouchers. Should not that portion of the report go to the Finance Committee to be audited?

The Vice President: Most decidedly. (The report was referred accordingly.) Gentlemen, that ends the reports of committees. Is there anything further to be brought to our attention?

Membership Card.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, at the two preceding conventions there has been considerable discussion regarding a membership card. Our Treasurer last year sent out a little card which was partly intended to cover this point, but is practically only a receipt for dues. It is the idea of some of the members of the Association that we should have an engraved membership card possessing some artistic merit, which should be sent out by the Secretary. I move that the Secretary be authorized to have a suitable plate engraved and the necessary supply of cards for one year printed from it.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Bartels.

Mr. Bescher: I think as we have the receipt and the certificate it would be an unnecessary expense to the Association to have this card engraved. Anything artistic would cost a good deal. I do not think most of the members would want it. We have the stock certificate and then the receipt for the annual dues. That ought to be sufficient.

Mr. Kissinger: Would a receipt be issued besides the membership card? The membership card is to act as the receipt, is it not?

The Vice-President: The Chair will say in that connection that in every society of any kind of which he is a member the Treasurer simply issues a receipt for the dues, and then notifies the Secretary, who issues the membership card. Are there any further remarks?

The question was put to vote and the motion carried unanimously.

The Vice-President: Are there any other matters to come before us this morning?

Resolution of Thanks.

Mr. Burgoyne: Mr. President, in Pittsburg the question has often come up as to the ability of our own society to entertain a convention of this kind. The old timers in the American Philatelic Association have told us over and over again in our

own society that the membership of the National Association in Pittsburg was small and the entertainment of a convention of this kind being an affair for A. P. A. members rather than the local society, that it would be a very difficult matter to afford proper entertainment, and that idea impressed itself upon my mind as being correct. And on coming to Detroit here and learning that the A. P. A. membership was small in this city, I took it for granted that the Detroit people would be very largely in the same boat as our own people expected that they would be should they be called on to entertain the National Association. Consequently I was agreeably surprised to find that the local society, the Detroit Philatelic Association, was not only prepared to receive us, but to receive us on a scale of great magnificence; that the courtesies extended to us were of an unusual kind, our entertainment most enjoyable, and the members of the local society appeared to take the deepest interest in the coming convention and its work, took the greatest care to make us feel at home, to make us comfortable. For my part, I have enjoyed the entertainment furnished and I think my sentiments are shared by the members of the convention here to-day. I therefore offer the following resolution:

Whereas, the Committee detailed by the Detroit Philatelic Association to receive and entertain the delegates to this convention has extended to us exceptional courtesies and provided most enjoyable entertainment,

Resolved, That the thanks of this convention be tendered to the Detroit Association and that we recognize with pleasure the thorough good will and fraternal spirit of our Detroit brethren.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Carpenter.

The Vice-President: Gentlemen, you have heard the resolution. There is no need of calling for any remarks upon it, but I will take the liberty of asking for a rising vote on its adoption. All those in favor will please rise.

All members present rose.

The Vice-President: I think that there can be no doubt of the unanimity of the vote, gentlemen.

Mr. Howard C. Beck: Mr. President, in behalf of the Detroit Philatelic Association I accept your vote of thanks with a great deal of pleasure, and the only regret we have is that the number here to participate in this entertainment was not double or triple what it is, which we had hoped for and prepared for. (Applause.)

Mr. Burgoyne: "For he's a right good fellow."

Mr. Smith: Mr. President, I wish to offer a resolution:

Be it resolved, That the thanks of the American Philatelic Association be extended to Hiram Walker & Sons, Ltd., for their kindly greeting and many courtesies extended to us while in convention at Detroit, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the above named firm.

The resolution was seconded and adopted unanimously.

Supplementary Report of Committee on Finance.

Mr. Carpenter read the following report, which on motion of Mr. Burgoyne, was accepted:

The Finance Committee submits the following supplementary report. They have examined the Finance Report of the Librarian and the vouchers attached and find them correct. They would recommend that the balance be transferred to the Assistant Librarian.

E. M. CARPENTER,
CLIFFORD W. KISSINGER,
GEO. W. RODE,
Committee.

Vote of Thanks to Vice-President.

Mr. Eaton: It think it is due to our President that we extend him a vote of thanks for acting in the place of one who should have acted for us in times past, and I move that a vote of thanks be extended to our President.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith and others, and the question being put by the Secretary, it was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The Vice-President: Gentlemen, I assure you I thank you for this expression of your good will.

American Philatelist.

Mr. Aldrich: Will Mr. Deats take the Chair?

Mr. Deats in the Chair.

Mr. Aldrich: I would like to offer a resolution to the effect that—

Be it Resolved by this convention assembled that we heartily indorse the recommendation of Mr. Toppan in his address looking to the early re-establishment of the *American Philatelist* as the official journal of our Association.

The Presiding Officer: Is this motion seconded?

The motion was seconded.

The Presiding Officer: You have heard the motion, that we approve the idea suggested by our president looking towards the re-establishment of an official journal of our own. Are there any remarks? (Putting the question.) It is so ordered.

The Vice-President resumed the chair.

Vote of Thanks to the Secretary.

Mr. Bartels: I move that a vote of thanks also be extended to Mr. Deats, for his services as temporary Secretary of this convention. There are a great many duties involved and much labor attached to it, and the convention should extend their thanks to him.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Kissinger, and was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Vote of Thanks to the Art Museum.

Mr. Kissinger: Mr. President, before we adjourn I move that we extend a vote of thanks to the Detroit Museum of Art for courtesies shown us in providing this hall for our meeting, and that the Secretary so notify the director of the Museum, Mr. A. H. Griffiths.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Deats: If there is any member present who has not signed this register of the American Philatelic Association, the same which has been used in previous years, the Secretary wishes that they would do so now, that it may be kept among the archives of the Association.

Mr. Kissinger: Whom does the other book belong to?

Mr. Deats: That belongs to the Detroit Society.

Mr. Carpenter: Mr. President, if there is no further business I move we adjourn.

Mr. Kissinger: Second the motion, Mr. President.

The Vice-President: I presume that is without day, Mr. Carpenter?

Mr. Carpenter: Yes, sine die.

The Vice-President: Gentlemen, it is moved that we adjourn without day. (Putting question.) The motion is carried, and I declare the Fourteenth Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association adjourned without day.

Report of Committee on Obituaries.

The committee on obituaries, having only recently heard of its appointment had not the time necessary to procure data touching upon the careers of deceased members, whose biographical sketches were not immediately obtainable, before presenting this report.

Augustus Dejonge, member No. 142 of our Association, was born April 8, 1833, at Offenbach-on-Main, Grand Duchy of Hessen, Germany. At the age of three years, he was brought to America. New York City was the new home and Mr. Dejonge was educated in its schools. After receiving his educational training, he traveled extensively both in Europe and America; later, but still in the ante-bellum days, Mr. Dejonge was assistant superintendent of a large plantation in Missouri; he, at that time, having a fondness for rural life. He soon returned to what proved to be the more congenial surroundings of New York, where he settled in the suburb of Staten Island, which is now the Borough of Richmond, New York City. Eventually, Mr. Dejonge became a manufacturer of bronze chandeliers and kindred articles; he retired from business some years ago.

Mr. Dejonge began his philatelic career in 1862; about the year 1880, he sold his collection, only to begin the formation of a new one immediately. In company with Henry Clotz and Dr. G. Odendall, Mr. Dejonge organized the Staten Island Philatelic Society, March 19, 1884; he was named as chairman of the new society. It was as president of this body, an honor that he held continuously to the time of his death, that Mr. Dejonge's name is best known in the philatelic world. Numerous personal friends and acquaintances, with impressive accord, attest to his sunny disposition and kindness of character. Mr. Dejonge was proud to account himself one of the "fathers of philately" in America, and he derived much satisfaction in relating reminiscences of early collecting days.

Mr. Dejonge died March 21, 1899, aged 65 years; he willed his library of philatelic literature to the Staten Island Society, to which he was naturally, warmly attached. Mr. Dejonge was a loyal and consistent supporter of the American Philatelic Association and a philatelist of the best type.

George E. Boynton, was born in Providence, R. I.; he was the son of Jesse Boynton, of Bristol, R. I. After he was graduated from Brown University, Mr. Boynton, engaged in different manufacturing industries. About eighteen years ago, he went to Baltimore where he became interested with his father in the Columbian Iron Works of that city. Mr. Boynton entered into the club life of his city; at the time of his death, he was president of the Columbian Club of Baltimore, he was also a member of the University Club. He was appointed by Major Malster a member of the Water Board of Baltimore, and was elected president of that body.

Mr. Boynton had been slightly ailing for some months previous to his demise and he went northward hoping to be benefited; he died at his father's home in Bristol, R. I., where the funeral was held.

As a philatelist, Mr. Boynton had affiliated with a collector's society in Baltimore. He found that philately was an ideal foil to the active and exacting duties of his business.

Mr. Boynton died June 17, 1899; his wife who was Miss Lidie DeVries, of Baltimore, and a son survive him.

Kendall G. Smith, member No. 1555, was born at Winona, Minnesota, February 5, 1882; he was the son of our treasurer, H. G. Smith. Kendall had not entered into the larger, or rather the business duties of life; at the time of his death he was a

student at the Winona high school, and it is to the *Owlet*, a paper published by the pupils of the institution that we turn for the following memoir.

"Wherever the name and presence of Kendall G. Smith was known there needs neither pen nor tongue to strengthen the impression he has left. He lived his own eulogy; and to us who have felt the magic of his presence he has left a legacy of pain and an aching sense of destitution. Can a life, judged from such effects, be aught but the noblest work of God? In the character of school-mate as we knew him, nothing in commendation of his enthusiasm, his patience, his devotion to a cause espoused, his wholesomeness of purpose and cheeriness of spirit, can express a tithe of what we feel. But death is swallowed up in this memory; he cannot die while we who have listened to his words or looked into his eyes, remain to re-live in the hallowed region of remembrance, each scene and incident his presence graced."

- 1417 Keutgen, Charles, New York, N. Y.
 1546 Anderson, Walter P., Minneapolis, Minn.
 1299 Hanson, James H., New York, N. Y.
 891 Stephenson, A. B., Portland, Me.

C. E. SEVERN,
 P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
 L. H. MILLER,
Committee.

The Library.

The Joint Committee appointed by the American Philatelic Association Branch 5, the Twin City Philatelic Society and the Pittsburgh Philatelic Club, after consultation with Librarian Anderson, of the Carnegie Institute, beg to announce the following rules to be observed by members of the American Philatelic Association desiring to draw books from the philatelic section of the Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Upon receipt of postal notice giving the name of the book desired, the Joint Committee will advise the member of the amount of postage, including registration, which will be needed for forwarding the book. This must be sent to the Chairman of the Committee before the book can be forwarded, unless it is desired to have the book sent by express, in which case the express charges will follow.

Books may be kept by members one month from the date on which they leave Pittsburgh, and upon notice to the committee, before the expiration of the month, may be retained for a further period of four weeks unless in the meantime another application for the same book has been filed at the Library.

All books returned must be sent either by express, fully prepaid, or by registered mail.

Books should be returned to E. H. Anderson, Librarian, Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh, Pa., direct, and postal card notice of the date of the return sent to the Chairman of the Library Committee.

All donations of literature should be sent to the Assistant Librarian, H. E. Deats, Flemington, N. J.

The value of books damaged or lost must be borne by the member to whom they are issued, or, in case of his failure to do so, by the Association at large.

It is hoped that a complete catalogue of the philatelic books in the Carnegie Library will be ready to issue to members by February 1, 1900, but further specific information in regard to this will be given through the official journal.

The Committee is endeavoring to obtain donations of philatelic works from a number of foreign authors and publishers, and would respectfully urge upon all collectors interested in having a great central library on philately, the propriety of for-

warding to the Assistant Librarian any books or periodicals on the subject which they feel able to dispense with.

G. W. RODE, Chairman,
38 Hazelwood Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.,
P. J. EATON, M. D.,
A. G. BURGOYNE,

Committee.

The following is a complete list of all the bound volumes in the Library up to the date the Year Book goes to press. A considerable quantity of material is in the hands of the Assistant Librarian ready for binding and will doubtless be available for use during the year.

Journals Published in the United States.

NAMES.	VOLUMES.
<i>American Stamp Mercury</i> (Trifet)	1, 2-4.
<i>American Journal of Philately</i> (1st series)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8.
<i>American Journal of Philately</i> (2nd series)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.
<i>American Philatelist</i> (and Official Circulars)	1-2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8-11.
<i>Boston Stamp Book</i>	1, 2, 3-4.
<i>Bulletin of N. P. S. of N. Y.</i> (1878)	1.
<i>Collectors Ledger</i>	4.
<i>Collectors Companion</i> (Chicago, 1885)	1-2.
<i>Carson Philatelist</i>	1-2.
<i>Cumberland Collector</i>	1.
<i>Capital City Philatelist</i>	1-2.
<i>Detroit Philatelist</i>	1-3.
<i>Electric Philatelist</i>	1-4.
<i>Empire State Philatelist</i>	1-3.
<i>Philatelic Facts & Fallacies</i>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
<i>International Collector</i> (San Francisco)	1-5.
<i>International Stamp</i>	1.
<i>Keystone State Philatelist</i>	1.
<i>Long Island Philatelist</i>	1-2.
<i>Mohawk Standard</i>	1-2.
<i>Metropolitan Philatelist</i>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.
<i>New England Philatelist</i> (1884)	1.
<i>National Philatelist</i> (National Philatetical Society, 1883)	1.
<i>Philatelic Journal of America</i>	1, 2, 3, 4.
<i>Philatelic Monthly</i> (Durbin)	1-9, 10-17.
<i>Philatelic Monthly and World</i>	18-24.
<i>Philatelic Gazette</i> , (Altoona)	1, 2, 3, 4.
<i>Philatelic Magazine</i> , (W. F. Bishop)	1-2.
<i>Post Office</i>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.
<i>Quaker City Philatelist</i>	1-4, 5-9.
<i>Stamp</i> (New York)	1-4.
<i>Stamp</i> (Denver)	1-4.
<i>Stamp Collector's Figaro</i>	1-5.
<i>Stamp World</i> (Cincinnati)	1-7.
<i>Stamp Collector</i> (Chicago, 1886)	1.
<i>Stamp Collector's Monthly</i> (1872)	1.
<i>Trifet's Monthly Stamp Circular</i>	1-6.
<i>Weekly Philatelist</i>	1-2.

Journals Published in Foreign Countries.

<i>Foreign Stamp Collector's News</i>	1.
<i>Halifax Philatelist</i>	1.
<i>London Philatelist</i>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.
<i>Philatelist (Dresden)</i>	9-10.
<i>Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser</i>	1.
<i>Philatelic Record</i>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.
<i>Philatelist (London)</i>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.
<i>Timbre-Poste</i>	1-2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9-12.

(A hyphen indicates that the several volumes are bound in one.)

Miscellaneous Philatelic Works.

- Album Weeds* (Earee).
Albrecht's Auction Epitome, 1895.
Bluffton Stamp Society.
Colonial Stamps (Lockyer).
Cyclopaedia of Philately (Baker, 1887).
Davison's Philatelic Concordance and Address Book, 1895.
Francobollo del Ducato di Modena (Diena).
History of the Postage Stamps of the U. S. A. (Tiffany).
Historical Reference List of the Revenue Stamps of the United States.
Mekeel's Address Book (1889).
Moschkau's Handbuch, 6th ed.
Postmaster General, U. S. A. Annual Reports, 1868, '70, '71, '72, '77, '79, '83, '85, '86, '87, '90, '91.
Philatelic Handbook (Evans, 1885).
Philatelic Library (Tiffany, 1874).
Postage Stamps of Australia and Oceania.
Revised List of the Postage Stamps and Stamped Envelopes of all nations (J. W. Scott, 1879).
Rogers' Priced Catalogue of Market Values of U. S. Stamps, 1892.
Stamp Collector's Handbook (Kissinger & Egan, 1894).
Stamps of the Strait Settlements surcharged for use in the Native Protected States (Brown, 1894).
Shanghai (Thornhill).
Sydney View Stamps (Brock).
Stamp Hunting (Robie).
Stamped Envelopes of U. S. 3rd ed. (Horner).
Timbres Poste des Romagne (Diena).

Report of the Committee on Philatelic Literature.

To the American Philatelic Association:

At the convention held in New York last year, it was voted that there be appointed a standing committee on philatelic literature, whose duties it should be to report at the next convention concerning such new catalogues, handbooks, manuals and papers as had been brought out during the year. The Board of Directors were also instructed to have the By-Laws amended so as to make this committee, and certain others authorized at the same time, regular standing committees of the Association.

As a result of the above mentioned vote, the President appointed the undersigned as members of the committee.

Various circumstances prevented the committee from doing as much as had been hoped, but it is trusted that the beginning we have made will be followed up in the future, so that these reports will form as complete a bibliography of our hobby as can be compiled by any one. Although a request for information has been published in the last year book, it has met with absolutely no response from the philatelic publishers. We have therefore been compelled to rely entirely upon such information as our own pocket books could furnish and from the columns of the philatelic press devoted to reviews, bibliography or "publications received."

By agreement among the members of the committee the work was divided as follows: Mr. Deats, works in the English language; Mr. Krauth, works in the German language; Mr. Stone, works in all other languages. With this preface the committee respectfully presents the detailed report which they have prepared.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM C. STONE, Chairman,
H. E. DEATS,
C. P. KRAUTH.

September 11, 1899.

Part I.

Publications in the English Language.

No International Directories have appeared and only one national, the latter being the third edition of the British Stamp Directory, published by the Philatelic Publishing Co., of Birmingham, England, in March, 1899. It was compiled by F. A. Wickhart and W. G. Walton. It claims, and appears to be, the most complete directory of that country yet published.

A number of State Directories were announced by some of the younger collectors in this country, but only one, Indiana, has been issued, so far as known.

Of the journals in the English language, the *American Journal of Philately*, the *London Philatelist* and the *Philatelic Journal of India* are easily first in their respective countries. For second place, we will make no choice because it would be subject to criticism.

In England, the *Philatelic Record*, the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*, *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal and Stamps* may all be ranked second.

In the United States, we regret to say, we find none that compare favorably with those in the second class mentioned above as coming from England.

America is the home of a distinctive American idea, the weekly Philatelic newspaper. *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, the pioneer in this field, still comes regularly. The *Weekly Philatelic Era*, the second in point of years, and the *Metropolitan Philatelist*, both of which changed from monthly to weekly editions, have appeared with praiseworthy regularity. These weekly papers cannot be put in the same class with the monthly journals, because, appearing weekly, they serve up the gossip and important news and are taken by a majority of the active Philatelists, so that the monthly publications to be successful, must rely on matter of more or less permanent value to fill their columns.

Great Britain has given apparently good support to a bi-weekly, the *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly*. Canada has recorded several attempts to issue a weekly, but none have survived for more than a few weeks.

The firm of Stanley Gibbons, Limited, London, has issued two Handbooks uniform with those previously sent out by that firm. Mr. E. D. Bacon prepared one on "Reprints." In this he has thoroughly digested all the previously published information on the subject and added an immense amount of new material. The author's name is sufficient assurance that the book is entirely up to date and may be safely used as a reference book by all.

Mr. W. B. Warhurst whose name as a philatelist we do not remember hearing before, has prepared a Color Dictionary. Many attempts have been made to prepare a color chart for the use of stamp collectors but only one worthy the name, previous to this one, ever saw the light, that being the one published by the National Philatelic Society in 1883. Time alone will prove the usefulness of this one.

The only "standard" stamp catalogue issued during the year is that of Stanley Gibbons. Only two parts have come to our notice and as they have been out for some time, it is not necessary to speak particularly of them. The dividing of the stamps into four classes may be satisfactory to the collectors in Great Britain, but to the American collector it seems rather arbitrary and while it reduces each part to a convenient size, it is a question whether the catalogue would not be better, if it were all bound in one part.

Two works of great importance to American collectors have been announced, one of them being over half printed, which will insure its being delivered to subscribers this year. The first is a history of United States Revenue Stamps; the other a history of the stamps issued by the Confederate States of America.

The first mentioned has been prepared by Geo. L. Toppan, Hiram E. Deats and Alexander Holland, a committee of the Boston Philatelic Society, and will be but the second volume of importance issued under the auspices of a society in this country.

The History of Confederate States Stamps is to be published by the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., of New York, and will be edited by Mr. John N. Luff. A great mass of notes and an index to the articles on Confederates in the philatelic papers, and photographs, together with memoranda of the stamps in various large collections constitutes at present the progress of the work. It is hoped that the matter can be finished and published before the end of the winter.

Part 2.

Publications in the German Language.

(This portion of the report which was prepared by Mr. C. P. Krauth was forwarded to him for revision after the Convention and owing to his sudden death we have been unable to get it back in time to include it.)

Part 3.

Publications in Languages Other Than English or German.

Having to depend largely upon press notices for my information concerning many of the publications here enumerated, I must crave your indulgence for the paucity of information which I am able to give concerning many of them.

There have been no publications of any great importance in my department during the year. Dealers' catalogues constitute for the most part the only publications that have come under my eye.

Maurice Belin of Brussels has issued the ninth edition of his catalogue, listing stamps issued down to October, 1898, and including both postage and telegraph stamps. It is published at 60 or 75 cents, according to binding.

Yvert and Tellier, Amiens, France, have brought out the third edition of their catalogue, which is in two parts. The first is devoted to the postage, telegraph, and fiscal issues of the French Republic and its colonies; the second to the postage and telegraph issues of other countries. The first part comprises some 250 pages and costs 30 cents, the second costing 40 cents, or both bound in one volume 60 cents or one dollar, according to the binding.

J. B. Moens of Brussels, has issued a priced catalogue of 128 pages comprising postage, telegraph and fiscal stamps. It is not, and does not claim to be, a supplement to his encyclopedic general catalogue, but is simply a price list of what he has to offer from among the new issues since that work was published. It is nevertheless a valuable little work, and from its being marked "Part 1," evidently promises another similar publication covering the issues of envelopes, cards, etc. Its published price was 25 cents, but subscribers to *Le Timbre Poste* received it as a premium.

To collectors of French stamps the catalogues of Edmond Fremy have become almost indispensable, and the fifth edition which has seen the light during the past year is in no way behind the standard set by its predecessors. It is a handy pocket size volume of 325 pages and covers the entire ground of French adhesives and entires. Its cost is 30 cents.

Hissard & Co., of Constantinople, have published the tenth edition of their handy little catalogue of the stamps of Turkey, Greece and other oriental countries. It is a book of 104 pages and costs 20 cents.

Th. Lemaire of Paris, has published a catalogue which contains 350 pages and includes historical, geographical, and monetary notes on each country. It does not go into varieties of watermark and perforation, but includes telegraph stamps. Its price is 25 cents.

Victor Robert of Paris, advertises a catalogue of 400 pages for 50 cents which is in its sixth edition. It contains 2500 illustrations and includes varieties of watermark and perforation. I have seen no review of the book and describe it from an advertisement.

The thirty-ninth edition of Arthur Maury's catalogue is fully equal to any of his former issues and is a necessary addition to the library of all those who understand the French tongue. It lists adhesives only, and contains 366 pages and 2330 illustrations. It is brought down to January 1899 and sells for 30 or 45 cents according to binding.

The second edition of the catalogue of Gelli & Tani of Brussels, is a book of 440 pages and contains some 4000 illustrations. It is, as many of you are aware, the successor of the well known catalogue issued by J. Barbarin of Paris, which was for so many years used as a standard by many continental authorities. It is printed on rather thin paper, and is of the usual pocket size. Its price is 60 cents.

In the Spanish language I know of but one catalogue that has been issued during the year. It is that of the well known Miguel Galvez Jimenez of Madrid. Not having seen the book I can give no extended account of it but can only say that it is general in its scope, and sells for 50, 60, or 70 cents according to binding. The same publisher has also advertised an album for the stamps of Spain and her colonies. Two editions are announced, one for \$1.00, and the other for \$3.00.

Remijio de Bellido, of Sorocaba, Brazil, advertises an Annual entitled *Guia Filatelico de Brazil*. It is a work of 110 pages and the contents include a list of 2000 names of collectors, a catalogue of philatelic journals, and a list of societies. The price I think is about 40 cents.

A small monograph has been brought out by M. de Lara, one of the members of the Philatelic Society of Chile at Santiago. It is entitled "Brief notice of the stamps etc., used by the postal officials of the littoral department of Bolivia as signs of prepayment from 1872 to 1879." The work has also been printed in the "Annals" of the society.

In the Italian language I have been able to find out but one new publication, and even that may not come within the limits of our inquiry. In the issue for November 1898 of *Il Francobollo*, and also in subsequent issues, I find advertised the "Catalogo Ravazzolo, the only one in the Italian language." Its price is 60 cents, and I am unable to ascertain whether it is a new publication or not.

In periodical literature the year has brought forth its usual bountiful harvest of new papers, but there are few among them which are worthy of mention individually, many being mere advertising sheets.

In France probably the *Revue Philatelique Francais* stands at the head of the now existing philatelic press. It is the organ of the leading societies and is just entering upon its eleventh year. *Le Timbre Poste* is of course the leader among the Belgian periodicals, as is *La Revue Postale* among the Swiss. *Madrid Filatelico* in Spain, and *Il Francobollo* in Italy are the leaders in those countries, although they are by no means up to the standard set by the English and American leaders. In South America the *Anales* of the Chilean society is a high grade publication, as is also the *Revista* of the Argentine society.

The *Jornal Philatelico* was by far the best Brazilian paper, but the publisher has recently been compelled to discontinue it. *Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidskrift* and *Nederlandsch Tijdschrift* are, so far as my observation goes, the only Scandinavian and Dutch periodicals issued, and they are both worthy representatives.

In the list which follows will be found the names, publisher's address and subscription price in U. S. currency (to subscribers in the United States) of all philatelic papers which issued one or more numbers between September 1, 1898, and September 1, 1899. Those that are marked with an Asterisk are, so far as is known, still being published. Those not so marked are believed to have suspended publication. In every case the address and subscription price is taken from the last number received. Most publishers will send free sample copies, and any of them will send a copy on receipt of a stamp for postage.

JOURNALS IN THE UNITED STATES.

* *American Journal of Philately*, Scott Stamp & Coin Co., 18 E. 23 St., New York. 50 cents.

All Around Philatelist, Jos. P. Plourd, 186 Paris St., East Boston, Mass. 25 cents.

* *Allegheny Philatelist*, Kiefer Publishing Co., 97 Liberty St., Allegheny, Pa. 25 cents.

* *Bay State Philatelist*, Herbert Gile, 33 Howard St., Melrose Highlands, Mass. 15 cents.

* *Bi-Monthly Collector*, Leon V. Cass, McGraw, New York. 10 cents.

* *Collector's Companion*, Walter C. Wendover, Red Creek, New York. 12 cents.

Eastern Philatelist, B. L. Drew & Co., 23 Court St., Boston, Mass. (Consolidated with the *Philatelic Bulletin*). 25 cents.

* *Evergreen State Philatelist*, R. W. French, Hartland, Washington. 20 cents.

Exchange, L. E. Richardson (New England Stamp Exchange), Putman, Conn. 10 cents.

* *Filatelic Facts & Fallacies*, W. Sellschopp & Co., 108 Stockton St., San Francisco, Cal. 25 cents.

* *Herald Exchange*, M. Tausig, 9 East 108 St., New York. 25 cents.

International Philatelist, H. C. Beardsley, Box 216, St. Joseph, Missouri. 10 cents.

* *Junior Collector*, Treymond Babcock, Dayton, Texas. 15 cents.

Lake State Stamp, J. Roy Zwick, 306 W. Franklin St., Jackson, Mich. 10 cents.

Lone Star State Philatelist, Roy B. Bradley, Waco, Texas. 25 cents.

* *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, I. A. Mekeel, Century Bldg., Saint Louis, Mo. 50 cents.

* *Metropolitan Philatelist*, J. W. Scott, 36 John St., New York. 25 cents.

Michigan Philatelist, J. C. Brassington & Co., Hart, Michigan. 25 cents.

Michigan Philatelic Weekly (W. M. Waterbury), Ithaca, Michigan. 25 cents.

- * *Monthly Stamp World*, Walter J. Hatch, 9 Faunce Place, Brockton, Mass. 25 cents.
- * *Nebraska Philatelist*, James A. Kennedy, Hastings, Nebraska. 15 cents.
- * *New York Philatelist*, Beringer & Herbst, 108 E. 111th St., New York. 25 cents.
- * *New England Philatelist*, J. M. Chandler, Forest Hills St., Jamaica Plain, Mass. 10 cents.
- * *National Philatelist*, S. A. D. Cox, Humboldt, Kansas. 30 cents.
- Post Office*, J. C. Morgenthau & Co., 87 Nassau St., New York. 50 cents.
- * *Philatelic West*, L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Nebraska. 25 cents.
- * *Philatelic Monthly and World*, Bogert & Durbin Co., 722 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa. \$1.00
- * *Perforator*, C. W. Kissinger, Reading, Pa. 20 cents.
- * *Philatelic Tribune*, F. J. Stanton, Norwich, New York. 20 cents.
- * *Philatelic Bulletin*, Naumkeag Stamp and Pub. Co., Box 99, Salem, Mass. 25 cents.
- Postal Card Bulletin*, Postal Card Society of America. For members only.
- Philatelic Visitor*, W. F. Gregory, 71 Nassau St., New York. Free to customers.
- * *Rival Philatelist*, No published name or address. 50 cents.
- Stamps*, Stamp Publishing Co., 87 Nassau St., New York City. 50 cents.
- * *Stampman*, D. W. Osgood, Box 50, Pueblo, Colorado. 40 cents.
- Stamp Talk*, Wm. B. Brown, Kansas City, Missouri. 25 cents.
- * *Stamp Tribune*, S. P. Lev, 324 Prospect St., Cleveland, Ohio. 25 cents.
- Stamp Exchange*, Ralph W. Tucker, Box 3276, Boston, Mass. 20 cents.
- * *Stampic America*, No published name or address.
- * *Tri-Monthly Collector*, J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Pa. 36 cents.
- * *U. S. Official Postal Guide*, Geo. F. Lasher, 147 N. 10th St., Philadelphia. \$2.00.
(Not Philatelic but of much interest and value to Philatelists.)
- * *Virginia Philatelist*, Box 6, Richmond, Va. 30 cents.
- Wisconsin Philatelist*, Archie L. Gowey, De Pere, Wis. 25 cents.
- * *Weekly Philatelic Era*, W. W. Jewett, 502 Congress St., Portland, Me. 50 cents.

JOURNALS IN GREAT BRITAIN.

- * *Advertiser*, Philatelic Publishing Co., Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, England. 40 cents.
- * *Bric-a-Brac*, J. W. Palmer, 7 Catharine St., London, W. C., England. 32 cents.
- * *Bazaar* (Philatelist's Supplement), L. Upcott Gill, 170 Strand, London, W. C., England. 36 cents.
- * *Ewen's Weekly Circular*, H. L'Estrange Ewen, 32 A Palace Square, Norwood, S. E., London, England. \$1.60.
Now published as *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News*.
- Junior Stamp Collector*, Margoschis Bros., Constitution Hill, Birmingham, England. 12 cents.
- * *London Philatelist*, The Philatelic Society, London, Effingham House, Arundel St., Strand, London, England. \$1.50.
- * *Philatelic Monthly Advertiser*, Co-operative Stamp Co., Sydenham, London, England. 12 cents.
- * *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser*, Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, England. 36 cents.
- * *Philatelic Record and Stamp News*, Sir Isaac Pitman & Sons, 1, Amen Corner, London, E. C., England. \$1.75.
- * *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*, Kirkpatrick & Pemberton, 202 High Holborn, London, W. C. 62 cents.

- * *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*, 391 Strand, London, W. C., England. 50 cents.
- * *Stamp Collector's Journal*, C. H. Nunn, Bury St. Edmunds, England, 36 cents.
- * *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly*, Harry Hilekes & Co., 64 Cheapside, London, E. C., England. 80 cents. Now published by P. C. Bishop, 106 High Holborn, W. C.
- * *Smith & Son's Monthly Circular*, Alfred Smith & Son, 37 Essex St., Strand, London, W. C., England. 25 cents.
- * *Stamps*, F. L. Heygate, Rushden, R. S. O., England. 50 cents.
- * *Smyth & Co.'s Philatelic Circular*, Smyth & Co., 1 Campbell Road, Boscombe, Bournemouth, England. 25 cents.
- * *Transvaal Collector's Quarterly*, E. J. Nankivell, 28 Birdhurst Rise, Croydon, England. 50 cents.

JOURNALS IN THE BRITISH COLONIES.

- * *Australian Philatelist*, Oscar Schultz, 113 Pitt St., Sydney, N. S. W. 75 cents.
- Australian Stamp News*, J. E. Newell Bull, Kilkivan Junction, Queensland.
(Incorporated with the *Australian Philatelist*.)
- Canadian Philatelic Weekly*, 2 Yorkville Ave., Toronto, Ontario. 25 cents.
- Canadian Philatelic Weekly*, F. I. Weaver, Box 494, Berlin, Ontario. 25 cents.
- Canadian Philatelic Review*, F. I. Weaver, Box 494, Berlin, Ontario. 25 cents.
- * *Montreal Philatelist*, Rudolph C. Bach, 451 Sanguinet Ave., Montreal, Quebec. 25 cents.
- Melita Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser*, Alfred Muscat, 270 Strada Reale, Malta. 36 cents.
- Philatelic Messenger*, Matthew R. Knight, Oak Hill, New Brunswick. (Incorporated with the *Philatelic Advocate*.) 12 cents.
- * *Philatelic Journal of India*, Thacker, Spink & Co., Calcutta, India. \$1.50.
- * *Philatelic Advocate*, Starnaman Bros., Berlin, Ontario. 25 cents.
- Stamp Reporter*, Geo. Bradley, 13 Centre St., St. Catharines, Ontario. 25 cents.

SPAIN.

- * *Boletin del Circulo Filatelico Matritense*, Madrid. 40 cents.
- * *Espana Filatelica*, Alexandre, Conde del Asalto 9, Barcelona. 80 cents.
- Filatelico Valenciano*, Valentia. ?
- Ilustracion Filatelica Hispano-Americana*, Barcelona. ?
- * *Madrid Filatelico*, M. Galvez Jiminez, Principe 9, Madrid. 50 cents.

SOUTH AMERICA.

- * *Anales de la Sociedad Filatelica de Chile*, Santiago. 70 cents.
- * *Buenos Aires Filatelico*, D. Helguera, Calle Moreno 1073, Buenos Aires, Argentine. \$1.00
- * *Coleccionador de Sellos*, Remijio de Bellido, Sorocaba, Brazil. \$1.00.
- Coleccionista*, R. J. Vargas, San Jose, Costa Rica. 40 cents.
- Filatelico Commercial*, Cespedes & Co., San Jose, Costa Rica. 50 cents.
- Iquique Filatelico*, Iquique, Chile. ?
- Jornal Filatelico*, M. Copenhagen, Rua Marechal Deodoro 18, Rio Janeiro, Brazil. 75 cents.
- Philatelista Paulistano*, San Paulo, Brazil. ?
- Philatelista Rio Grandense*, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. ?

* *Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina*, Casilla de Correo 1103, Buenos Aires, Argentine. \$1.00.

* *Revista Filatelica do Brazil*, Alph. Bruck, Rua da Ajuda, 23, Rio Janeiro, Brazil. \$1.00.

* *Revista Postal*, Junenez y Achard, Bolivar 312, Buenos Aires, Argentine. 50 cts.

* *Valparaiso Filatelico*, Valparaiso, Chile. ?

* *Voz del Filatelista Americano*, Rosario de Sta Fe, Argentine. ?

FRANCE.

* *Alliance Timbrologique*, Paris. ?

* *Amateur des Timbres Poste*, Paris. ?

* *Ami des Timbres*, Ch. Roussin, Galerie d'Orleans, Paris. 60 cents.

* *Bulletin Mensuel de la Societe Philatelique Lyonnaise*, Lyons. ?

* *Bulletin Mensuel des Petites Annonces du Collectionneur*, Vienne (Isere), France. ?

* *Circulaire Philatelique*, Havre. ?

* *Collectionneur de Timbres Poste*, A. Maury, Boulevard Montmartre 6, Paris. 30 cents.

* *Courrier des Timbres Poste*, S. Bossakiewicz, Grand Rue des Creuses 9, St. Etienne. 40 cents.

* *Echo de la Timbrologie*, Yvert & Tellier, Amiens. 50 cents.

* *Intermediaire de la Timbrologie*, A. Vogel, Rue Caponiere 10, Caen. 30 cents.

* *Philateliste Francais*, Th. Lemaire, Avenue de l'Opera 16, Paris. 25 cents.

* *Revue Philatelique Francais*, A. Coyette, Rue de Rivoli 138, Paris. 40 cents.

* *Timbrophile Gaulois*, Moyenmoutier. ?

* *Timbrophile Poiterin*, Raoul Teteix, Villa des Rocs, Poitiers. 30 cents.

SWITZERLAND.

* *Annonce Philatelique*, Henri Carteret, Roseraie 31, Geneva. 15 cents.

* *Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung*, J. Jaquier, Rue du Jura, Morges. 60 cents.

(Contains articles in both French and German.)

* *Revue Postale*, Wm. Chenevard, Case Rhone, Geneva. \$1.00.

ITALY.

* *Etoile Philatelique*, A. Ravazzolo, Padua. 12 cents.

* *Filatelista Italiano*, Fermo. ?

* *Franco bollo*, Via Torino 2, Milan. 60 cents.

* *Friuli Filatelico*, Pordonone. ?

* *Philateliste Italien*, Fermo. ?

(This may be the same as "*Filatelico Italiano*.")

* *Revista del Francobollo*, Rome. ?

* *San Marino Postal*, San Marino. ?

* *Vade-mecum du Collectionneur d'Europe*, Sociedade Filatelico dos Abruzes, Chieti. ?

BELGIUM.

* *Annonce Philatelique*, Armand Dethier, Rue Quinaux 51, Brussels. 40 cents.

* *Antwerpia et Scaldis Philatelique Reunis*, Rue de la Petite Ourse 12, Antwerp. 40 cents.

* *Aurore Philatelique*, Antwerp. ?

* *Bulletin Mensuel de la Societe "Les Echangistes Reunis"*, Liege. ?

* *Moniteur Philatelique*, Alb. Facon, Ghent. \$1.00.

* *Philateliste Anversois*, Antwerp. ?

* *Propagande Philatelique*, Ghent.

- * *Timbre Poste & Timbre Fiscal*, J. B. Moens, Rue de Florence 42, Brussels.
- \$1.20.
- * *Revue Philatelique Belge*, M. Belin, Rue de la Madeleine 52, Brussels. 40 cents.
- * *Timbrophile Belge*, Brussels. ?

MISCELLANEOUS.

- * *Cesky Filatelista*, Prague, (Bohemia) Austria. ?
- Ertek Gyujtok Hirdetesi Lapja*, Szatmar, Hungary. ?
- Filatelica Romana*, Berlad, Roumania. ?
- Levélgyűjtők Lapja*, Budapest, Hungary. ?
- Marka*, N. D. Solomkin, B-Coudriasska 25, Kiew, Russia. 50 cents.
- * *Moniteur du Collectionneur*, Jos. Schoek, Rue Wallis 14, Luxemburg. 80 cents.
- * *Nederlandsch Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde*, J. B. Robert, 57 Balistraats, Gravenhage, Holland. \$1.25.
- * *Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift*, Copenhagen, Denmark. 65 cents.
- * *Petits Affiches du Timbrophile*.
(Free supplement to *Moniteur du Collectionneur*.)
- Philatelista Luzo-Africano*, Oporto, Portugal. ?
- ✓ * *Polski Filatelista*, Franciszkanska 1, Krakow (Poland), Austria. 75 cents.
- Porto Philatelico*, Oporto, Portugal. ?
- Revue Philatelique d'Egypte*, Alexandria, Egypt. ?
- Timbrologie Roumanie*, Bucharest, Roumania. ?
- Timbrophile Athenien*, D. M. Sacorrafos, Rue Tzavela 16, Athens, Greece. 30 cents.
- * *Vilagposta*, Budapest. ?
- Wsemirnaja Potshta*, St. Petersburg, Russia. ?

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 1329 Beifeld, Jos., Cor. Market & Jackson Sts., Chicago, Ill.

- 868 Belden, Francis S., Cor. 64th St. & Lexington Ave., Hotel Hayes, Chicago, Ill.
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- 1186 Boehm, Herman, 408 Law Building, Baltimore, Md.
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- 957 Booker, W. E., 492 Main St., Worcester, Mass.
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- 477 Bowen, Chas. W., 194 Broadway, Providence, R. I.
- 1188 Bowen, Herbert, 82 Moffat Building, Detroit, Mich.
- 1264 Brady, Wm. G., 109 W. 122nd St., New York City.
- 1265 Brevoort, John B., Johnsonburg, Pa.
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- 171 Brock, R. C. H., 1612 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.
- 1142 Brodstone, L. T., Lock Box 116, Superior, Neb.
- 595 Bronson, Dr. Thos. S., 58 Dwight St., New Haven, Conn.
- 1075 Brown, Allen A., 30 Kilby St., Boston, Mass.
- 159 Bruce, W. H., Box, 283, Hartford, Conn.
- 511 Bruck, H. T., Mt. Savage, Md.
- 1076 Bruner, P. F., 529 Broadway, New York City.
- 182 Bryant, Guy A., Princeton, Ill.
- 101 Buehler, E. H., 134 Lake St., Chicago, Ill.
- 1292 Burgoyne, A. G., Verona, Pa.
- 218 Burt, Frank H., 1046 Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.
- 844 Burton, Elliott H., Box 246, Charleston, S. C.
- 417 Burton, Judson N., Madison, New York.
- 1489 Burton Warren E., Lake Geneva, Wis.
- 249 Bush, Geo. T., Bellefonte, Pa.
- 1572 Butler, Basil G., Box 311, Camden, S. C.
- 317 Cabot, Dr. John, 126 W. 48th St., New York City.
- 1143 Caldwell, Dr. S. L., Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 146 Calman, H. L., 18 E. 23rd St., New York City.
- 1077 Canfield, E. M., Lock Box 823, North Adams, Mass.
- 929 Canright, C. F., Manitowoc, Wis.
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- 534 Cooper, John P., Lock Box 235, Red Bank, N. J.
- 172 Cooper, W. A., Station D, San Francisco, Cal.
- 1481 Cornwell, F. R., Chemical Building, St. Louis, Mo.
- 1427 Cosby, Frank C., Care of Standard Underground Cable Co., Westinghouse Bldg., Pittsburg, Pa.

- 184 Cosby, Spencer, 1509 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.
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 1570 Crowell, Henry C., 208 Superior St., Cleveland, Ohio.
 1266 Cuenod, G. C., Box 273, Galveston, Texas.
 1230 Cushing, H. P., 260 Sibley St., Cleveland, O.
 1402 Davis, Geo. W., 1220 M. St. N. E., Washington, D. C.
 1558 Devereux, F. G., M. D., Kezar Falls, Maine.
 1500 Davis, Chas. K., 209-219 E. 3rd St., Cincinnati, Ohio.
 527 Davis, Jos. S., 1460 Pearl St., Denver, Colo.
 31 Davison, A., 401 Broadway, New York City.
 306 Dawson, Alfred, Care Merchants National Bank, Providence, R. I.
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